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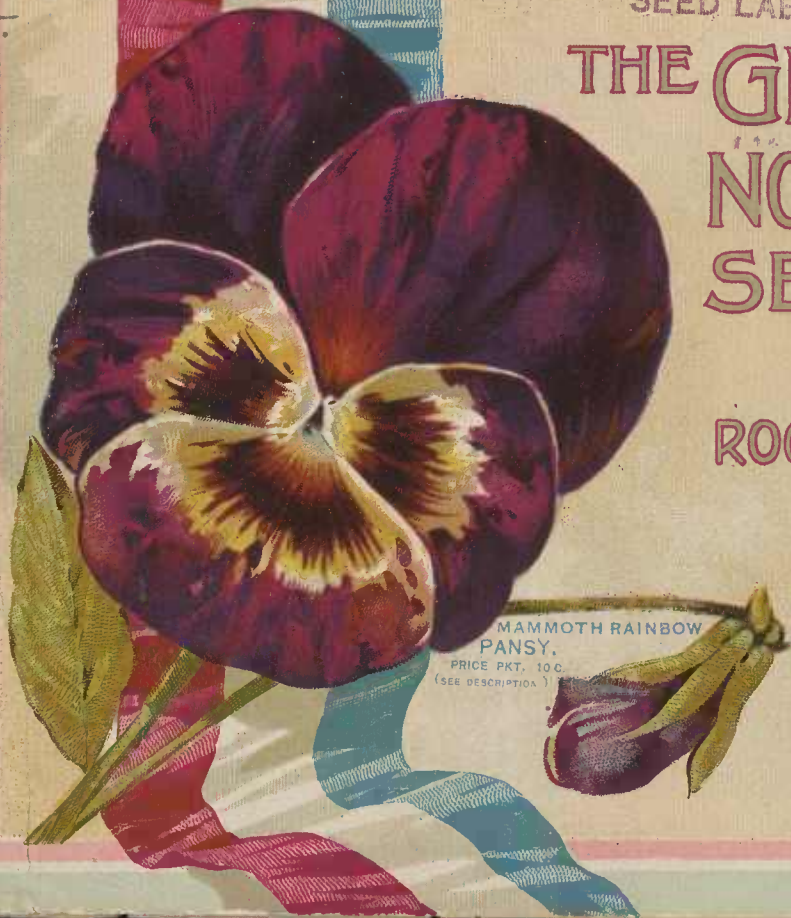
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A Packet of Aster  
Seed contains from 75  
to 200 seeds.

## ASTER—New Victoria.

Magnificent flowers; massive and showy, with regular overlapping petals clear to the center. The flowers measure four inches and over across and are of rich and varied colors. The plants grow very evenly, pyramidal in form, about eighteen inches high, and carry from twenty-five to forty flowers.

- Victoria—snow white. Pkt. 4c.
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- Victoria—dark crimson. Pkt. 4c.
- Victoria—blue shades. Pkt. 4c.
- Victoria—choicest mixed. Pkt. 4c.

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One of the most perfect and deservedly popular of all Asters; very double, large and beautiful flowers, with incurved petals; height, eighteen inches to two feet; nearly thirty distinct colors.

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- Perfection—finest mixed. Pkt. 4c.



# NEW AND GLORIOUS ASTERS!

## NEW YELLOW ASTER.

The form of the double flower is a perfect ball, the quills are close together and of the brightest sulphur yellow. The border petals are broad and of a lighter tint, seeming to enclose the flower like an old-fashioned bouquet paper. The flowers are borne upon long erect stems, excellent for cutting. The plants, twelve or fifteen inches high, are of compact, bushy growth, and most abundant bloomers. **Pkt. 6c.**

## NEW WHITE BRANCHING ASTER.

The large, double white flowers, quite four inches in diameter, are borne upon long stems, making them excellent for cutting. It is quite different in several respects from any Asters known, and it is only necessary that the character of the plant should be known to make it a favorite with amateurs and florists. **Pkt. 5c.**

## HARLEQUIN ASTER.

A striking Aster of great beauty, upright habits and profuse bloomer. This new race produces odd flowers of the most handsome and attractive appearance, and continues in bloom a long time. In the gardens of Paris they are considered the most valuable of all varieties on account of their long duration in bloom and remarkably bright and conspicuous colors. Composed of pure white petals, quaintly interspersed, in irregular manner, with deep blue and bright red petals. **Pkt. 5c.**

## ASTERS—Finest Mixed

Composed of all the best varieties, such as Victoria, Perfection, Comet, Harlequin, New Queen, etc. **Pkt. 5c.**

## ASTER—Snowball.

A most distinct and handsome variety, equally valuable for pot culture and cut flowers.

It is a most profuse bloomer, a single plant often producing as many as twenty-five to thirty pure snow white flowers, globular in form and of extraordinary size. **Pkt. 6c.**



**ASTER—Snowball.**



## ASTER—Fire King.

**The most brilliant Aster ever introduced.**

And the nearest approach to scarlet yet obtained, a color previously unknown in this popular flower, which for an autumn show of flowers few other equal. Habit very compact, not more than twelve inches in height, with large beautifully incurved flowers, and makes a charming companion to "Snowball." **Pkt. 7c.**

## ASTERS—Good Mixed.

Many bright colors. **Pkt. 3c.**



**Alyssum—Little Gem.**

## **ALYSSUM—Little Gem.**

The plants are very dwarf, each spreads so as to completely cover a circular space twelve to twenty inches in diameter. They soon become one mass of white, remaining in full bloom from spring to fall—being densely studded with beautiful miniature spikes of deliciously fragrant flowers. **Pkt. 4c.**

## **ALYSSUM—Sweet.**

Its pure white fragrant flowers are produced from early spring until killed by frost; very useful in all kinds of bouquets. Note—For a Cemetery Plant nothing is more suitable than Sweet Alyssum, requiring but little care and attention, and a continuous bloomer throughout the summer. **Pkt. 3c.**



**Acroclinium.**

## **ACROCLINIUM—Everlasting.**

One of the most beautiful and valuable of everlasting flowers, called by some "Pink Daisies," very effective in borders during the blooming season, and possesses the additional advantage of being available for winter decoration, for which purpose it is now extensively grown. The densely double flowers are faultless both in shape and color; the flowers are somewhat larger than the single, and, from the seed we offer about 75 percent. will be double. **Pkt. 4c.**

## **AQUILEGIA, or Columbine.**

Very handsome and ornamental, hardy perennial plants, of easy cultivation and bearing in profusion large flowers of novel shape and in a great variety of color.

**Fine Mixed. Pkt. 3c.**



**Abutilon.**

## **ABUTILON.**

Often called "Flowering Maple" or "Chinese Bell Flower." As indispensable for the window or greenhouse as the Petunia is for the flower garden. Will stand more abuse and neglect than almost any house plant. Grows rapidly from seed and is soon in bloom. Leaves are ornamental, and are often beautifully variegated. Lovely bell-shaped flowers borne the year around; in all colors, white, pink, yellow, orange, red, etc. Perennial. Blooms soon after planting.

**New Fancy Mixed. Pkt. 8c.**



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**AMBROSIA.**

A hardy annual with long spiral stems, bearing an abundance of small, round, greenish-yellow buds and blossoms which are exceedingly fragrant. It is as desirable as is the Rose-Geranium, as a plant with fragrant foliage, and for making up into bouquets and other floral work. Its long, beautiful, fringy spirals of lovely green are unsurpassed. It is one of the easiest plants to grow, and seed may be sown early in open ground. **Pkt. 4c.**

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"Your flower seeds have given me splendid results, much better in fact than those that I have purchased from any other firm."



**ANGEL'S BREATH,  
or Gypsophila.**

An annual that should be in every garden, for it thrives everywhere and furnishes the loveliest material for all kinds of bouquets. The tiny little flowers are borne in abundance on long, graceful, branching stems which lend a most graceful, light appearance to any bunch of flowers. **Pkt. 8c.**

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**ANCHUSA, Capensis,  
or Cape Forget-me-not.**

A hardy annual of more than ordinary beauty. It grows about two feet high, branching freely and bearing a profusion of the most lovely flowers, similar in all respects to the Forget-me-not, though the blossoms are much larger and of finer color. It is always taken for a beautiful, large-flowering Forget-me-not, and for bouquets and cut flowers it is indeed superior to it. Its color is a deep, clear, brilliant blue with a pure white eye; one of the rarest and most lovely shades of that color. It blooms early and continues all summer. **Pkt. 4c.**



**Amaranthus.**

## AMARANTHUS.

Beautiful foliage plants, invaluable for massing where striking contrasts in color are desired. Succeed best on light fairly rich soil. Seeds may be sown out of doors after settled warm weather. Choice mixed. Pkt. 3c.

*The Exquisite Delight of seeing a bed of flowers of your own raising, and thoroughly good, will be apt to inspire a real ambition and lay the foundation for future success with more difficult flowers.*

**ARABIS—Alpina.** *The pure white flowers grow so uniform and thickly that it gives the effect of a sheet of snow. The earliest, prettiest spring flower. The spreading tufts are densely clothed with neat, lively green leaves and covered with pure white flowers of the most lovely effect, conspicuous in great distance, especially in large masses on rockeries or broad edgings for park roads, having the advantage of braving the greatest drought during summer and always looking neat.* Pkt. 3c.



**Ageratum.**

## AGERATUM—Imperial Dark Blue

A plant that blossoms constantly all summer in the garden and makes a pleasing contrast of color with more brilliant varieties. I offer seed of the new Imperial Dark Blue as best and most showy. Pkt. 3c.

## AGERATUM—Dwarf White.

A new variety, very dwarf and compact, pure white. Pkt. 4c.

## ALONSOA.

Often called "Mask Flower." It is constantly covered with beautiful flowers throughout the season. They make very nice plants for the house in the winter if taken up in the fall. Finest mixed. Pkt. 2c.



**ANTIRRHINUM—Queen of the North.**

## ANTIRRHINUM or Snapdragon.

**Tom Thumb**—Very dwarf, growing only eight inches high, thickly studded with beautiful spikes of gay colored flowers, orange, scarlet, rose white, maroon, striped, etc. Pkt. 3c.

## ANTIRRHINUM—New Giant.

Flowers double the size of the older sorts, more closely set on the stems and colors more clear and brilliant. Plants very compact and bushy, growing about twelve inches high. All colors mixed. Pkt. 4c.

## ANTIRRHINUM Queen of the North

The finest and most beautiful of all Snapdragons. The plants grow into handsome, regular bushes twelve inches high, covered with large, white flowers of a delicious sweet perfume. Suitable for bedding or pot culture. Pkt. 4c.



**Defiance Balsam.**  
**BALSAM—Defiance.**  
 (Lady Slipper.)

The most perfect in form and largest double flowered Balsam yet developed, and by careful growth and selection has attained a standard that will be hard to improve. The mixture, which I offer, is composed in nearly equal proportions of eight colors. Rose, Rose White, Spotted, Pink, Scarlet, White-tinted Violet, White Spotted, Scarlet White, Spotted and Purple; each having been grown separately. **Pkt. 4c.**

**BALSAM.**

**Good Mixed**, a splendid strain, good color and large double flowers; not equal to "Defiance," but gives good satisfaction. **Pkt. 3c.**

**BEAN—Scarlet Runner.**  
**A Favorite Old-Fashioned Climber.**

One of the very few beans that is both ornamental and useful. It grows rapidly to a height of 10 to 12 feet and is covered from July until heavy frost with clusters of beautiful scarlet flowers. **Pkt. 4c.**

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**Bird of Paradise.**

**BIRD OF PARADISE, Poinciana**

The color of the flower is golden-yellow, measuring two and a half inches across, with shape as shown in illustration, and are produced in very large trusses. The most beautiful part of the flower is the large pistils, which are spread out in fan-like form, and are of bright crimson color. The foliage is also highly decorative, reminding one of a very delicate Acacia. If the seed is started early, it will produce blooms in great profusion the first year. **Pkt. 8c.**

**BALSAM APPLE.**

A beautiful climbing plant with apple-shaped fruits, which, if preserved in alcohol, make a most useful liniment. **Pkt. 4c.**



**Begonia.**

### **BEGONIA—Fine Mixed.**

One of the most satisfactory pot plants for the house, and a popular bedding plant for the garden or lawn. It blooms with the greatest profusion throughout the summer. Flowers very brilliant, and the foliage waxy and glossy. It is easily raised from seed and comes absolutely true. Valuable for bedding and general culture. Pkt. 7c.

### **BRACHYCOME, or Swan River Daisy.**

Free flowering and dwarf growing, covered with a profusion of Cineraria-like flowers. Suitable for edging and beds or pot culture. Blooms are daisy-like in appearance, blue and white contrasting beautifully. Fine for cutting. Hardy annual. Choicest mixed. Pkt. 8c.



### **BALLOON VINE. BALLOON VINE.**

Remarkable for its inflated membranous capsules. Sometimes called "Love-in-a-Puff." A rapid and graceful climber. Tender annual. Six feet high. Flowers are white. Pkt. 4c.

### **BRIZA—Maxima.**

Often called Quaking Grass. Very ornamental variety of everlasting grass with large racemes of beautiful rattles. Hardy annual. Height 15 inches. Pkt. 3c.

### **BROWALLIA.**

Beautiful free blooming annual. It is often called "Amethyst." One of the favorite profuse blooming bedding plants, covered with rich, beautiful winged blue or white flowers during the summer and autumn months. It grows freely in any rich soil. Height eighteen inches. Splendid mixed. Pkt. 2c.



**Bachelor's Button.**

### **BACHELOR'S BUTTON. Double.**

It has been so perfected that fully eighty per cent. of the flowers are double and semidouble; are also increased in size and present many bright colors and distinct markings which have hitherto been unknown in this old-fashioned favorite flower. Pkt. 4c.

### **BACHELOR'S BUTTON—Single.**

Mixed, including dark and light blue, purple, pink, rose, white, etc. Pkt. 3c.

### **BRYONIA—Laciniosa.**

A beautiful climbing annual of rapid growth and easy culture, with handsome cut leaved foliage, bearing attractive green fruit which change in color as the season advances to bright scarlet striped with white. Pkt. 3c.





## CHINESE LANTERN PLANT. (Physalis.)

The plant produces numerous, large, inflated husks, much like the shape of Chinese lanterns, at first a beautiful green color, changing to a yellowish hue and then to brightest scarlet, and as they hang suspended among the green foliage they present a most novel and strikingly beautiful appearance. Branches cut and dried retain their rich and brilliant color, and make most beautiful winter bouquets when used with dried grasses or leaves. The plant grows from one and one-half to two feet in height. Treated like a Tomato it grows and fruits freely from seed the first season, yet the plants are perennial and may be wintered in the cellar or grown in pots as a window plant. **Pkt. 4c.**

### CYPRESS VINE.

A most beautiful vine with delicate fernlike foliage and beautiful star-shaped rose, scarlet and white flowers. Seed very slow to start growth, though easily grown. All colors mixed. **Pkt. 3c.**

Be Sure to send in some names for the new varieties of Poppy, Mignonette, Sweet Pea, Cabbage, Onion, Lettuce and Tomato. See descriptions and conditions plainly given in this book. You stand "a good chance" of winning one or more of the **BIG CASH PRIZES.**



## Canary-Bird Flower.

## CANARY-BIRD FLOWER. (Tropaeolum Canariensis.)

The most beautiful annual climber, with bright green foliage, delicately cut and very ornamental. The flowers are bright golden yellow, bearing a fanciful resemblance to birds with expanded wings. Succeeds best in a cool slightly shaded situation; also does well as a pot or basket plant for the window or conservatory. **Pkt 4c.**



### **CENTAUREA—New Marguerite— Odorata.**

An exceedingly novel and beautiful flower, at first sight resembling a highly fringed carnation, but closer examination discloses the outer petals composed of a dozen or more distinct little fringed cups closely set together and raised above a full tasseled and fringed center. Each flower is enthroned on a beautiful green calyx penciled much like a pineapple, giving it an odd, pretty appearance. Stems long and strong. A free bloomer, the plants being almost covered with these rare flowers from July until late in the autumn, giving out the daintiest perfume imaginable. It must be seen to be appreciated, and once you have had it in your garden you will not want to be without it. Flowers are white, light lemon yellow and violet-rose. Leaves long, slender and serrated. **Pkt. 6c.**

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### **NEW CANNAS**

#### **CANNAS—Crozy's New Dwarf.**

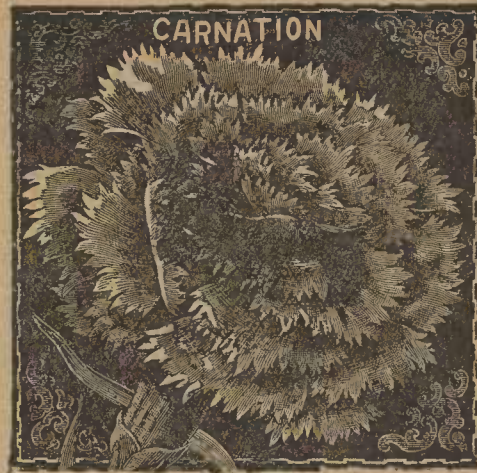
One of the most popular of bedding plants, while even single specimens are most attractive in the garden. They will bloom the first year from seed, if you soak them in boiling water over night; sow singly in small pots as soon as convenient, and grow as rapidly as possible. The roots can be kept in the cellar over winter and each clump will give six to eight good roots for planting out the following spring. **Pkt. 5c.**

#### **CANNAS—Tall. (Common Type.)**

A mixture of all the best tall growing varieties. **Pkt. 3c.**



**CARNATIONS--Extra Choicest Double Mixed.**  
Indispensable plants for both pot culture in the greenhouse, window, garden and open ground culture in summer; of the innumerable colors and delicious perfume. The plants may be kept in the open ground during the summer, where they will flower as profusely as when grown in pots in the house. Half hardy perennials. Saved from the finest greenhouse varieties. **Pkt. 8c.**



## COSMOS—New Fancy Mammoth.

The latest novelty from California. The broad petals overlap each other, producing perfectly circular flowers of splendid substance which measure four to five inches across; the colors are varied and beautiful; the plants which grow from four to six feet high are a perfect mass of feathery fern-like foliage and studded with their mammoth flowers, long after most other plants have succumbed to frost, they indeed present the most beautiful sight imaginable.

New Pure White,	-	-	-	Pkt. 6c.
New Pink,	-	-	-	Pkt. 6c.
New Yellow,	-	-	-	Pkt. 7c.
New Mixed,	-	-	-	Pkt. 5c.

## CARNATION—New Marguerite.

This new class of fragrant Carnations will bloom in about four months after sowing the seed. The flowers are of brilliant colors, ranging through many beautiful shades of red, pink, white, variegated, etc., exquisitely sweet and fully 80 per cent. perfectly double. The plants succeed alike in the open garden or in pots. Seeds sown early in the year will give an abundance of flowers in July. Sown in May and kept pinched back, you will have fine flowers in the fall until checked by hard frosts. Sown in the autumn, the flowers will be in full bloom early in the spring. Thus, by planting at different seasons, flowers can be had all the year around. **Pkt. 4c.**



### CALLIOPSIS, Single.

Very handsome and showy plants of the easiest culture; requires no care and thrive in any garden. Produce flowers in nearly every shade of yellow, orange, crimson, red, and brown. It is one of those flowers which will always be greatly admired. Mixed colors. Pkt. 3c.

### CALLIOPSIS--New Double.

A handsome variety; flowers a rich golden yellow color, with wine-maroon spots. Pkt. 4c.

### COREOPSIS--Lanceolata.

This handsome perennial has grown in favor so rapidly that it is now probably the most popular variety in cultivation. Our own estimation of the plant is such that if we had room to plant but one plant of this class it would surely be this Golden Coreopsis, which begins to flower early in June and continues to flower until cut down by severe freezing weather. It is continuous one mass of golden yellow. The flowers, which are graceful of form, are invaluable for cutting for decorative purposes. It is easily grown, perfectly hardy, succeeding in almost any location, and after once being planted takes care of itself. Height two feet. Pkt. 6c.



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Candytuft--Snow Queen.

### CANDYTUFT--Snow Queen.

A valuable and distinct species of great beauty. It is an annual variety and grows very rapidly, quickly coming into bloom; remaining in full flower for about three months. It bears but little foliage and the mass of white produced makes it useful for borders. Pkt. 4c.

### CANDYTUFT--New Carmine.

A dwarf annual with beautiful carmine flowers blooming profusely throughout the season. Pkt. 4c.

### CANDYTUFT--Mixed.

All colors. Pkt. 3c.



Calendula.

## CALENDULA.

The name of this flower is derived from the fact that it will bloom every calender month of the year. If seed is sown early in the open ground, plants will be in bloom by June, and will blossom continuously until severe frosts. It is also a very fine pot plant, and for winter, especially for cold rooms; its large, double bloom is always welcome. Finest mixed colors. Pkt. 3c.

## CLEOME—Pungens.

### The Giant Spider Plant.

A robust plant growing vigorously four to five feet high, unaffected by wind or weather, and flowering profusely and continuously for months. In fact, it is a perpetual bloomer, the spikes continuing to increase in size as the plant grows, until they reach upward of two feet in length. The flowers are very showy, bright rose color; grows freely from seed sown in open ground, thrives luxuriantly, and blooms all summer, no matter how unfavorable the season may be. It is also one of the best honey producing plants and should be planted liberally by all bee keepers. Pkt. 4c.

## CHRYSANTHEMUM or French Marguerites.

Annual varieties much grown for cut flowers. The plants grow twelve to eighteen inches high and produce on long stems beautiful large flowers of many bright colors. They flower all summer in the garden, and make elegant pot plants for winter flowering. Pkt. 8c.



Chrysanthemum.

## CHRYSANTHEMUM. (Fancy Perennial)

From the best Incurved, Pompone, Japanese, Chinese and Anemone, flowered varieties. Seeds sown in the hot bed in February or March, or even April, will give plants that will bloom in August or September, and cannot fail, with proper care, to give magnificent flowers in a wonderful variety of colors and forms. Pkt. 8c.



## COBAEA—Scandens.

Although it does grandly outside, it is also a splendid house climber, and will do well running over windows in the house, and will reward the grower with an abundance of beautiful large, bell shaped flowers, green at first, but rapidly changing to a beautiful deep violet blue. A well established plant will run thirty to forty feet in a season. Pkt. 4c.



⇒ BRYONOPSIS ⇒



⇒ COCCINEA ⇒

⇒ CALAMPELIS ⇒

## COCCINEA—Indica.

A remarkably pretty climber. Ivy like foliage, bright and luxuriant; never troubled with insects, and is admirably adapted for trellises, arbors, etc. Small flowers soon followed by numerous fruits two inches long, which turn to scarlet. Pkt. 4c.

## CALAMPELIS—Scabra.

A beautiful climber from Chili, with delicate foliage and bright orange blossoms in racemes freely produced until late in the season. Tender perennial. Fifteen feet high. Pkt. 4c.

## COCKSCOMB OR CELOSIA.

The old Cockscomb of our mother's gardens but vastly improved of late years. Its huge combs, from six inches to a foot across, are of the most fiery gorgeous colors, unlike anything else in the floral kingdom. Good specimens are very fine all the late summer and autumn, and our best parks make use of thousands of them for autumn bedding. Start in the house and transplant to the open ground after the danger of frost is over. Choicest mixed. Pkt. 4c.

## CALCEOLARIA—Hybrida.

Cobaea.

A favorite and universally admired plant; remarkable for their large, beautifully spotted blossoms, which are very showy, and from which an almost countless number of hybrids have been raised. They are tender perennials. Grown in pots in the conservatory, greenhouses or gardens. Mixed colors. Pkt. 7c.





## COLUMBIAN CLIMBER.

The most superb of all climbers, and used almost exclusively for decorating pillars, etc. at the World's Columbian Exposition, where it was the admiration of all. In addition to its beautiful foliage it produces large and handsome bell shaped blossoms in the greatest abundance and of the most varied beauty. Although it does grandly outside, it is also a fine house climber, and will do exceptionally well running over windows, etc. It rewards the grower with an abundance of beautiful flowers, green at first, but rapidly changing to a beautiful deep violet blue. A well established plant will run from thirty to forty feet in a season. Pkt. 5c.



Cactus.

## CACTUS.

Lafest craze in flowers. Very curious and odd looking species of plants, which will thrive anywhere with little or no care. But little watering is required. Flowers are of the most exquisite beauty and are deliciously fragrant. The wonder and attraction of all. Don't fail to try this greatest of all curiosities—the Cactus. Choicest mixed. Pkt. only 6c.

## WILD CUCUMBER VINE.

The quickest annual climber for arbors, trellis, fences, etc. known. Makes the most mosaic covering. Never suffers from the heat but contains its fresh and lively green color, and, what is of prime importance, hardly affected by warm or cold, hot or dry weather, and is never infested by insects. Profuse in bloom. It will sow itself every year and come up in the same place. Pkt. 5c.

## CENTROSEMA.

Sometimes called "Look-at-Me." A hardy perennial vine that will bloom in June or July from seed sown in April, and bears a profusion of inverted pea shaped flowers from 1½ to 2½ inches in diameter, ranging in color from a rosy violet to a reddish purple, with a broad feathered white marking through the center, while the large buds and back of the flower are pure white, appearing as if one plant bore many colored flowers. Pkt. 5c.

## COTTON.

Fine curiosity in the north. They blossom freely, and will ripen the pods if sown early and set outside in real warm weather. They are always greatly admired in the garden as soon as the balls are open. Pkt. 4c.



### CRUEL PLANT.

A beautiful and a rapid growing climber bearing an immense number of pure white, bell-shaped, fragrant flowers, and derives its name from the fact that various insects in sucking honey of its blossoms are caught fast and securely held until they are dead. It thrives best in light soil. If it is started early in the house it will bloom all summer. From 15 to 20 feet high. Pkt. 8c.

### CANTERBURY BELLS, or Campanula.

Well known and popular perennials, producing bell-shaped flowers of many different colors very freely throughout the summer.

Single Mixed. Pkt. 3c.

Double mixed. Pkt. 4c.

### COLEUS.

One of the best known and most universally admired ornamental foliage plants, in an endless variety of colors and shadings, indispensable for ribbon and carpet bedding, or as single specimens. Coleus seed germinates easily, and success is sure as with any ordinary annual. Pkt. 5c.

### CINERARIA, Hybrida.

One of the most popular of all greenhouse plants, and what a splendid display they make when well grown. We know of no plant so easily grown as the Cineraria. The secret of growing well is to grow fast; never allowing them to receive a check, either from being pot bound, dryness of root, or attack of insects; the cooler they are kept the better. In colors they range from crimson, magenta, violet, purple and variegated. Large Flowering Mixed. Pkt. 8c.

### CYCLAMEN, Persicum.

Well known bulbous-rooted plants, universal favorites as pot plants for winter and spring blooming, producing handsome red and white flowers, with beautiful variegated foliage, in different shades of green. The seed should be sown in the spring, and by autumn will produce a bulb which will blossom the following winter. Mixed. Pkt. 5c.

### CYCLAMEN, Giganteum.

Flowers of large size, and of great substance. The leaves are proportionately large and beautifully marked. Mixed. Pkt. 8c.



Canterbury Bells.



### DAHLIA, Double.

Everyone knows and admires the Double Dahlia, but comparatively few are aware that it can be grown so easily from seed, and flowers so beautifully the first season that the purchase of bulbs is a needless expense. Choice Mixed. Pkt. 4c.

### DAHLIA, New Striped Single.

The extra large single flowers, quite four inches in diameter, comprise a wonderful variety of colors, beautifully striped, flaked, mottled and dotted in a grotesque and charming manner. Pkt. 3c.



### DATURA CORNUCOPIA, "Horn of Plenty."

Discovered in South America in 1892 by a collector of Orchids. The plant is of robust habit, with thick, dark brown-purple shining stems. The branches are numerous, spreading three or four feet; thick, large dark green-colored leaves. The flowers are trumpet-shaped, measuring eight to ten inches in length and five to seven inches across the mouth, and form *three distinct flowers, growing each within the other*. The mouth of corolla is a most delicate white, beautifully marbled with royal purple. A single plant gives from 200 to 300 fragrant blooms during the season, followed by a large, thorny seed vessel, which adds to its beauty; is of the easiest culture. Plant at the end of May in a warm, rich soil. Can be cultivated as an isolated specimen, in masses, for centers of beds or to fill barren places, and produces a striking effect. Pkt. 4c.

### DATURA or Trumpet Flower, Mixed.

Large, branching plants, producing handsome double and single trumpet-shaped blossoms—white, blue, yellow and lilac—of exquisite fragrance. The blossoms open during the night, remaining open one day and then perish. They bloom freely from seed sown in the open ground the first season and the roots can be taken up and kept over winter. Pkt. 3c.



**Mammoth Snowball Daisy.**

**DOUBLE DAISY, Bellis Perennis.**

Daisies are easily grown from spring sown seed and come into flower in a very short time. The flowers are white, pink, red and variegated. Not all will come double from seed. Finest mixed. Pkt 4c.

**MAMMOTH SNOWBALL DAISY.**

A beautiful white flowered variety having very long stems with large double flowers, about 80 per cent. of which are extremely double Pkt. 5c.

*Mrs. H. M. Gibson, Milford, Conn., writes: "I am well pleased with seeds I have purchased from you. Will send you a large club order next season."*



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**The Blue Daisy.**

**THE BLUE DAISY (Agathea.)**

The flowers are the very counterpart of the Paris Daisy, which is sky blue with a blue disk. It makes a very pretty object for summer decoration in the flower garden; of easy growth, and the plant may be had in flower all the year 'round. Pkt. 4c.

**DOUBLE QUILLED DAISIES.**

These pretty plants are seldom seen in our gardens in as great abundance as they deserve to be. "Double Quilled" is a new strain, the flowers of which are composed of petals as round as a knitting needle; very pretty and curious. Pkt. 4c.

**ORANGE DAISY (Erigeron.)**

A beautiful perennial plant somewhat resembling an aster, but having the ray florets in several series; flower heads flat, about two inches across, bright orange color, on strong, stout stems. They are of easy culture. Pkt. 5c.



THE  
DIAMOND  
FLOWER

### DIAMOND FLOWER (*Ionopsidium*.)

It will grow in the open ground, over rock work in pots, never exceeding three inches in height and rarely two. The tiny flowers have a glistening sheen that has given them their name of Diamond Flower, and being surrounded by a wreath of bright green foliage they show to wonderful advantage. For pot culture in winter it is just superb. Sprinkle a few seeds in a small pot or saucer, or in pots where other plants are growing and within a month you will have the most charming mat of foliage and flowers, covering the surface of the soil like moss, that you ever saw. In the garden it will grow and seed all summer, covering the ground with a perfect carpet of beauty. In the fall the self sown seed will come up and bloom profusely from October until spring, regardless of ice and snow, making a lovely bed all winter. Pkt. 8c.



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### DOLICHOS, or Climbing Hyacinth Bean.

Splendid climber, with abundant clustered spikes of purple and white flowers, which are followed by exceedingly ornamental seed pods; tender annual; ten to twenty feet high. Mixed. Pkt. 4c.

### DELPHINIUM or Annual Larkspur.

Well known annuals of great beauty and remarkable for the richness of their colors, and for large gardens are invaluable. Pkt. 4c.



LARKSPUR.

### DELPHINIUM or Perennial Larkspur.

This is one of the choicest perennials known, and it increases in beauty with each succeeding year. Stately growing, with immense spikes of the most brilliant flowers in all shades of lavender, mauve, pale, medium and deep dark blue. Very hardy. Height eighteen inches. Choicest Mixed all sorts. Pkt 5c.



## **DIANTHUS, or CHINESE PINKS, Choicest Mixed.**

One of the most useful and desirable plants and for beauty and variety of colors and markings cannot be surpassed, ranging from pure white to the most delicate pink and glowing deep crimson. A bed of these in the flower garden will make a grand display at small cost. The mixture we offer includes, besides the standard sorts, all the new and brightest colors in spotted, striped and handsomely fringed varieties of late introduction, both single and double. Pkt. 5c.

### **DIANTHUS, Dwarf Fireball.**

The most brilliant annual pink in cultivation; the plants are constantly covered with blood-red, perfectly double lacinated flowers until checked by severe frost. Pkt. 4c.

### **DIANTHUS, Dwarf Snowball.**

This beautiful dwarf variety belongs to the Heddewig class of Dianthus. The plants are of very compact, dwarf growth and are covered with lovely, spotless, snow-white

flowers, very full and double. From its dwarf growth it is very attractive for edgings, while the flowers are also useful for cutting for bouquets. Pkt. 4c.

## **NEW LARGE FLOWERED DWARF DOUBLE HYBRID PINKS.**

The plants grow only nine to ten inches high, with extra large double flowers, frequently measuring three inches across, of perfect form and brilliant colors, ranging from pure white to deep crimson, white many are beautifully variegated and fantastically marked. Blooming freely the first season. Pkt. 6c.

### **DIANTHUS, Plumarius. (Pheasant's Eye Pink.)**

Dianthus, Plumarius, is the Old-fashioned Grass Pink, perfectly hardy, blooms very profusely in summer, and is admirable on account of its delicacy, showiness and fragrance. Its use either as a cemetery or garden flower is always satisfactory. Pkt. 4c.

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### ESCHSCHOLTZIA, or Giant California Poppy.

Hardy, annual, growing about one foot high, bearing a profusion of rich yellow flowers about two inches in diameter, making a blaze of color in the sunshine, and fully as valuable as the common poppy for garden ornamentation, and as easily grown. Pkt. 4c.

### FRAGARIA INDICA, or Chinese Strawberry.

Hardy, perennial, herbaceous creeper, from India, with yellow blossoms and bright red fruit, like small strawberries. Elegant for rock work or hanging baskets. Pkt. 3c.

### FEVERFEW, Double (*Matricaria*).

A fine old fashioned bedding plant, also suitable for pot culture. It grows about eighteen inches high with numerous branching flower stems, which are literally covered with very double pure white flowers an inch in diameter. The great profusion of fine flowers, with long, slender stems, make it valuable to grow for cut flowers and as desirable as a good Aster. Blooms until frost. Pkt. 4c.

### FOX GLOVE or Digitalis.

One of our special perennial favorites. This, with the Double Hollyhock and Larkspur, form a stately trio of fine tall growing plants, indeed nothing finer can be chosen for back-grounds, center of wide borders, interspersing with shrubbery, etc. If plants are not allowed to seed they are crowned for months by long pyramidal spikes of lovely pendant thimble-shaped bells, snow white, rosy blush, exquisitely shaded and spotted. Splendid mixed. Pkt. 4c.

### EVERLASTING FLOWERS.

Flowers of eternal beauty—those which never fade. They are unsurpassed for winter decoration and may be made up into bouquets, baskets, vases, etc. Everyone can be successful in growing them. Seed to be sown as soon as ground is warm and weather is settled, in good, rich soil, and thinned out or transplanted to twelve inches apart. The flowers should be cut as soon as they come into full bloom, tied in small bunches and dried slowly in the shade with heads downward to keep the stems straight. Pkt. 5c.





### EUPHORBIA, or Annual Poinsettia.

This plant is often called Mexican Fire Plant, Painted Leaf or Fire on the Mountain. Grows two to three feet high, in a branching, bush-like form, with smooth, glossy, fiddle-shaped leaves, which are at first entirely green, but about mid-summer at the end of each branch appear greenish-white flowers enveloped in beautiful orange-scarlet bracts and the surrounding leaves are either blotched with vivid carmine, or are carmine with green tips. It is an annual plant, but should be started early so it will have sufficient time to develop its brilliant colors. Pkt. 6c.

### EUPHORBIA—Variegata.

Hardy annual, foliage beautifully veined and margined with white; very showy. Sometimes known as *Snow on the Mountain*. Pkt. 4c.

### FUCHSIA, Double and Single Mixed.

Fuchsias are as easily grown from seed as cuttings, and from seed many new varieties are obtained. They will flower freely the first year in open ground, while the plants can be taken in the house in the winter, where they will flower still more freely. The seed we offer has been saved from the very finest double and single varieties. Pkt. 8c.

### GLORY PEA.

Curious shrub, with singularly beautiful foliage and magnificent clusters of long, drooping flowers, somewhat resembling a parrot's beak. Does not bear transplanting and should be kept rather dry. One of the most magnificent blooming plants in cultivation. Bright scarlet flowers. Pkt. 6c.

### GAILLARDIA, New Double.

Large, double flowers valuable for cutting. The colors embrace sulphur, golden yellow, orange, amaranth and claret. Pkt. 4c.

### GAILLARDIA, Single.

Valuable annuals; single mixed. Pkt. 3c.

### COMPHRENA—(Globe Amaranth).

A desirable everlasting, valued for its handsome globular flower heads. Pkt. 3c.



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**FORGET-ME-NOT,  
or Myosotis, Large Flowering.**

One of the most charming and beautiful of all plants, either for open culture or for the house. The foliage is light and graceful, while the dainty little flowers, star-like in form, are of the most delicate shade of blue, a reflection of the heaven itself. There are so very blue flowers, and these are so indescribably dainty, they should be in every collection. Hardy perennial. Pkt. 4c.

**GLADIOLUS.**

One of the best of all summer and fall flowers, in fact there is no flower equal to it for brilliant shades, none easier grown. Plant seed early as possible, and in fall take up small bulbs and keep from freezing. The next season they should be planted in beds, clumps or masses and they will produce the finest effect. Produces a gorgeous array of colors. Mixed, Pkt. 8c.

**GIANT  
GHOST  
FLOWER.**

Often called "Wedding Bell." The most wonderful plant. It blooms always, either in the house or out of doors in the summer. The flowers are drooping, bell-shaped, over a foot long and 8 or 9 inches wide, of creamy white color, very fragrant and choice sort. Pkt. 8c.



Geranium.

**CERANIUM, Finest Mixed.**

The most popular plant grown, either for pot culture in winter or bedding out in summer. No flowering plants are more grown and certainly none are more suitable for large beds, where a mass of bloom is desired, or for single specimens in pots for the house. But few are aware that they can be grown easily from seed and flower the first season if sown early, and will frequently reward the cultivator with charming new varieties; in fact, *propagation by seed is the only sure way to obtain new varieties.* The seed we offer has been saved from twenty-five of the finest varieties grown. There can be no finer mixed Geranium, and it cannot fail to bring forth some splendid new varieties. Pkt. 10c.

**GERANIUM, Apple Scented.**

Leaves delightfully fragrant, highly prized for bouquets. Pkt. 8c.



**GLOXINIA.**  
**GLOXINIA, Grand Mixed.**

The Gloxinia is a grand flower and makes a lovely pot plant, as easily grown and cared for as many of the common flowers. The handsome bell-shaped flowers embrace a great variety of the richest and most beautiful colors, ranging from pure white to dark blood red, pink, bluish, lavender, indigo-blue, marbled and spotted. They will bloom in four to five months from time seed is sown. Pkt. 8c.

**CODETIA, Northern Lights.**

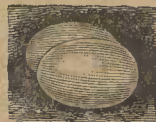
Beautiful hardy annuals, remarkable for the striking brilliancy and at the same time delicacy of coloring. The flowers are of large size, measuring from three to four inches across, with erect stamens. Each petal is beautifully blotched with a distinct bright color, giving it a wonderful appearance. Pkt. 5c.

**COURDS, (Ornamental Mixed.)**

Tender, annual climbers, with curiously shaped fruit in various colors, many of which are peculiarly marked. Pkt. 4c.

**TRUE NEST EGG GOURD.**

Resembling in color, shape and size the eggs of hens. Do not crack; will last for years, and make the best of nest eggs. Rapid grower and good climber, extremely ornamental and useful for covering screens, etc. Children can make lots of money growing this gourd and selling them to the neighbors for nest eggs. Try this interesting and useful variety. Pkt. 5c.



**NEST EGG GOURD.**



**HUMULUS.**

**HELIANTHUS, or Sunflower.**

The best and most effective of all annual sunflowers; flowers immense, from 12 to 15 inches in diameter, globular and extremely double. For a background to a lawn or to hide unsightly places it is especially adapted. Of easy culture as well as showy. Pkt. 3c.

**HOLLYHOCK.**

**World's Fair Mixed.**

One of the finest of all perennials and unsurpassed as a stately, imposing plant for backgrounds, screens, center of wide borders, etc. Plants grow from 4 to 6 feet high, and bear pyramidal spikes of large rosette-like flowers of every shade, from pure white to almost black. Pkt. 6c.

**HEUCHERA, Sanguinea.**

Truly a floral gem and one of the most valuable additions to the list of hardy flowering plants that has appeared in a long time. The flowers are borne in large, open, clear stemmed panicles and are of the most clear, bright, cheerful and charming scarlet imaginable. Pkt. 6c.

**HUMULUS,**

**or New Leopard-Leaved Japanese Hop.**

A strikingly beautiful annual climber of exceedingly rapid and dense growth, attaining a height of eighteen to twenty feet in a few weeks' time. The leaves are a rich green, blotched and marked with gray. Is fine where a quick-growing, very densely-leaved climber is desired. Valuable for trellis and high places. Pkt. 8c.

**HUMULUS, Japonicus.**

*(Japanese Hop.)*

One of the most rapid climbers grown. Seed can be sown in the open ground in spring and will attain enormous dimensions very quickly. The foliage is luxuriant, and it is one of the best plants for covering verandas and trellises. Heat, drought and insects do not trouble it in the least. Pkt. 4c.

**HIBISCUS, Hardy Hybrids.**

A fast growing perennial that in one season attains the height and dimensions of a shrub. Exceedingly fine for clumps or an ornamental hedge or screen, as they last always, never winter-kill, and in mid-summer, when shrubby flowers are scarce, they bear for weeks enormous flowers as large as tea-saucers, white, blush, pale and deep pink, rose, etc., the most of them with deeper-hued eye. Plants from spring-sown seed will bloom in September. Height two feet. Mixed colors. Pkt. 5c.



**World's Fair Hollyhocks.**



## HELIOTROPE. New Mammoth Flowering.

Heliotrope is a universal favorite on account of its delightful fragrance and duration of bloom, flowering equally well as bedding plants in summer, or as pot plants in the house during winter. Seed sown in the spring makes fine plants for bedding out, and are as easily grown as verbenas. Pkt. 5c.

## HELICHRYSUM.

A very popular everlasting, large, full, double flowers of various colors, from bright yellow to scarlet, shaded and tipped. Handsome bouquets may be formed of them for winter, if blossoms are gathered when on the point of expanding. Pkt. 4c.



## LOBELIA.

A very valuable and beautiful class of mostly dwarf-growing plants; their delicate, drooping habit and the profusion of their charming little blue and white flowers, render them exceedingly ornamental for vases or hanging baskets and rockeries, blooming from June to November, while for border cultivation they are equally effective.

Mixed colors. Pkt. 4c.

## ICE PLANT. (*Mesembryanthemum*.)

A handsome and curious plant, for hanging baskets, rock work and vases. The leaves and stems appear as though covered with icy crystals, and look like rock-candy. The whole plant is peculiarly brilliant in the sunshine. Pkt. 3c.

## LINUM, or Crimson Flax.

Excellent for clumps or edgings, and one of the best and most showy hardy annuals for bedding. May be raised in any quantity from seeds sown in March or April where the plants are intended to flower. They are not at all fastidious regarding soil, doing well in any ordinary garden. Pkt. 3c.

## LINUM, Perenne.

Not new, yet little known, rarely seen, although it is one of those flowers of dainty beauty that is appreciated when seen, but can never be justly described. We will not attempt to convey to our readers an impression of its great beauty; this they can never know until they see it, but we will say that it is a hardy perennial, sending up numerous stems which send out wiry branches with large, salver-shaped blossoms which appear to be floating. Height, 18 inches. Mixed colors. Pkt. 6c.

## LAVENDER. OLD FASHIONED SWEET.

A well-known, sweet-scented, hardy perennial, bearing long spikes of blue flowers. Pkt. 3c.





**LANTANA.**

**LANTANA.**

Well-known shrubby plants, with clusters of verbena-like flowers, and producing their pink, yellow, orange and white heads in great abundance. They have an agreeable, aromatic perfume. Mixed. Pkt. 4c.

**MAURANDIA.**

A beautiful, rapid, graceful climber for greenhouse, parlor, basket or outdoor purposes, with rich purple, white and rose foxglove-shaped blossoms. Pkt. 3c.



**LINARIA.**

**LINARIA.**

(Kenilworth Ivy.)

A very pretty and well-known hardy perennial trailing plant, for covering rock-work, and very useful for hanging baskets. The flowers are small but pretty, and for a drooping plant nothing can be better as it is easily grown from seed. Pkt. 4c.

**MARVEL OF PERU.**

(Four O'Clock.)

It is one of the most brilliant and showy plants that can be grown with little or no trouble. Finest mixed. Pkt. 3c.



**MIMULUS, Monkey Flower.**

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Tender-looking plants, with singularly shaped and brilliantly colored flowers, blotched and spotted in every conceivable manner. Excellent for baskets or vases, while they thrive well in the open garden. Fine Hybrid Mixed. Pkt. 4c.

**MIMULUS, Moschatus.**

(Musk Plant.)

A well-known and favorite plant, cultivated on account of the musky odor of the plant. Pkt. 3c.

**MIMOSA. (Sensitive Plant.)**

An interesting and curious plant. The leaves will close and droop at the slightest touch. Mostly grown as a curiosity. Pkt. 3c.

# MIGNONETTE.

**\$50.00 FOR A NAME. No 23**



This is a new strain of Mignonette, and is a perfect sight when growing. Produces a mass of flowers of remarkable beauty. Plants grow strong, branching nicely, and will continue to bloom throughout the season. We own all the seed therels and propose to have our customers give it a trial and name it this season. It is superior to anything ever seen in the Mignonette line. Our customers now have a chance of testing this grandest and best Mignonette a year before the general public, and have the privilege of suggesting a name for this new variety

with every packet of seed purchased. Every packet of seed will be sent out in a coupon envelope, on which the buyer is to write his name, postoffice, and name he suggests for the Mignonette, and return it to us on or before September 1st, 1900, and the person suggesting the winning name will receive \$50.00 in cash. Each packet has full directions printed on it, and while you may win \$50.00 in cash you will say that you never saw its equal and are more than pleased, even if you don't send in the winning name. Order a few packets and send in some names for some of them may win. Pkt. 10c, 3 pkts. 25c, 7 pkts. 50c, 16 pkts. \$1.00.

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## EVER- BLOOMING MIGNONETTE.

We annually grow a large area of the choicest varieties of Mignonette, and have prepared from the choicest varieties this special blend, which includes all of the magnificent varieties in existence. If given even ordinary care, you will be rewarded with an abundance of bloom throughout the season.

**Pkt. 5c.**

## SWEET MIGNONETTE.

*Roseda Odorata Grandiflora.*  
Large flowered. The old favorite Sweet Mignonette, greatly improved. Pkt. 3c.

Mixture of Tall Growing Annuals - - - - Pkt. 4c  
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## IMPERIAL JAPANESE MORNING GLORIES.

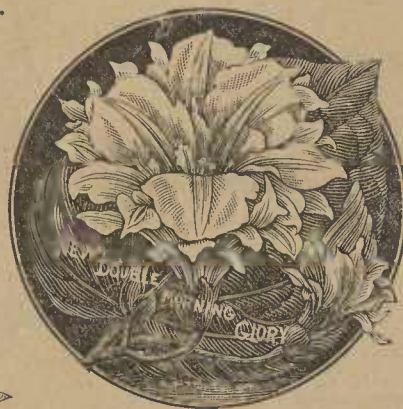
The surpassing charm of these Imperial Japanese Morning Glories lies in the entrancing beauty and gigantic size of the flowers. They measure from four to six inches across, and their greater substance causes them to remain open much longer than the ordinary Morning Glories. The colors of the flowers, shadings and markings are limitless, and are really wonders of nature, of such incomparable beauty that descriptions are inadequate. Pkt. 6c.

## NEW DOUBLE MORNING GLORY.

This magnificent novelty of our own introduction was offered for the first time two years ago, and its cultivation has created a furor on account of its novelty and rare beauty, as well as its delightful climbing habit; grows twenty to thirty feet high, It is of rapid growth, producing its large, double flowers very freely; they are of beautiful form and delicate coloring, being white with slight shading of red or blue at base. Pkt. 8c.



**IMPERIAL  
OR  
GIANT JAPANESE**



## IMPROVED MORNING GLORY.

A great improvement over the old fashioned Morning Glory. The most popular climber in cultivation. It is of vigorous and rapid growth, attaining a height of fifteen to twenty feet, forming a dense screen of delightful foliage, covered with pretty single flowers of the most brilliant hues. Admirably adapted to covering arbors, fences, out-houses, etc. Hardy annual. Pkt. 4c.



## MOON FLOWER.

It bears lovely white flowers five to six inches in diameter, with a five pointed star in the center; the flowers open at dusk, or earlier on cloudy days, at which time they are deliciously fragrant. Start the seed in the house and set out as early as safe in the spring. Pkt. 6c.

## DWARF MORNING GLORY.

*Convolvulus Minor  
Grandiflora.*

The wonder of the age. A winter house blooming variety. When the plants are large enough transplant them, and give same treatment as you would a geranium. Extra mixed. Pkt. 5c.



**MARIGOLD,  
French Mixed.**

A class of showy and extremely effective plants, with fine double flowers of rich and beautiful colors. Very well adapted for large beds and bordering. Pkt. 4c

**ELDORADO MARIGOLD.  
MARIGOLD, The Eldorado.**

The large, bushy plants are each a ball of brilliant colors, many single plants having seventy-five flowers in bloom at one time. The flowers are from three to four inches in diameter, intricately and perfectly double. They embrace four shades of color, the lightest primrose, lemon, golden yellow and deep orange. Pkt. 4c.

**MARIGOLD, Legion of Honor.**

The blooms are of medium size, rich golden yellow, with the center of each petal broadly marked with velvety crimson-brown, and with clustering stamens in bright shades of orange-yellow. Bloom from July until frost. Pkt. 4c.

**MINA, Lobata.**

Half hardy Mexican climbing annual. The buds are at first of vivid red, but turn to orange yellow immediately before they open, and when fully expanded the flowers are of a creamy white shade. Pkt. 4c.

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Seeds are the Best that Grow. Our packages are well filled. *In fact* from no other firm can you secure such liberality, because by sending your order direct to us you are buying from the Growers, and receive your seeds from first hands.

**NOLANA.**

Beautiful trailing plants, almost equal to the Portulaca for growing in masses, and unsurpassed for baskets, pots, vases or rock work. Pkt. 3c.



**NEMOPHILA.**

**NEMOPHILA or Love Grove.**

Of dwarf spreading habit, and well adapted for borders or pot culture. The flowers are single, each petal having a large, distinct blotch, which gives them a peculiar beauty. Hardy annual, six inches high. Pkt. 4c.

**NICOTIANA, Affinis.**

When its pure white flowers are expanded in the evening and early morning it has a most striking effect, and so fragrant that a small bed will perfume the whole surrounding atmosphere. If the plants are taken up in the fall, cut back and potted they will bloom all winter in the house. Pkt. 3c.

**NICELLA, Love-in-a-Mist.**

Hardy annual, known as "Devil-in-Bush," and "Lady-in-Green," because the blossoms are partially concealed by the abundance of finely cut foliage. The plant and flower are both handsome and require but little care. Pkt. 3c.



# THE BEST NASTURTIUMS.

**NASTURTIUMS.**

**DWARF.**

**FINEST MIXED.**

The best ever produced and not surpassed for gorgeousness of colors and brilliancy of effect, embracing every known good sort, including Aurora, Empress of India, Lady Bird, King Theodore, Pearl White, Ruby King, New Brilliant, Yellow and Spotted King, etc. In Dwarf Nasturtiums we consider our special mixed the best that money can buy; the price may appear high for this strain but it is made up especially for critical buyers that have the money to spend for the best only. Dwarf Nasturtiums now rank with Sweet Peas and Pansies as a favorite and fashionable flower. Pkt. 4c.; oz. 12c.

**GOOD MIXED.**

The same grade as is usually sold and very fine. Pkt. 3.; oz. 10c.

**Aurora.**

The ground color is a chrome-yellow, the upper petals being of a somewhat lighter tint, while the two lower petals are spotted and veined with purplish-carmine. Pkt. 4c.

**Empress of India.**

The leaves are of a dark purplish-blue color making a suitable background for the brilliant crimson scarlet flowers. Pkt. 4c.

**Lady Bird.**

The ground color is a rich golden yellow, each petal barred with a broad vein of bright ruby crimson. Pkt. 4c.

**Spotted King.**

Rich orange spotted with maroon. Pkt. 4c.



**NEW CLIMBING  
NASTURTIUMS.**

**MADAME GUNTHER'S HY-  
BRIDS.**

A new section obtained by artificial hybridizing, and distinguished by dark colored foliage and flowers of a richness and variety of coloring not to be found in any of the different classes of Nasturtiums heretofore grown. Colors in these new hybrids include various shades of rose, salmon, bright red, pale yellow, etc., each self-colored or spotted, mottled striped and margined. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 15c.

**TALL NASTURTIUMS  
Choicest Mixed.**

We also offer a special mixture of the Tall, or climbing Nasturtiums, made up on the same basis as the Dwarf Variety finest mixed, from the best named and brightest colors only. Pkt. 4c.; oz. 10c.

**Extra Mixed.**

Free bloomers and many bright colors Pkt. 3c., oz. 8c.

**NASTURTIUMS, Splendid Mixture.**

Far in advance of anything before offered for size and great variety of flowers. This mixture is composed of a careful blending of all the varieties offered on this page, with an addition of hundreds of strikingly beautiful hybrids. By planting this mixture you are sure of the grandest collection of Nasturtiums attainable. Pkt. 8c, oz. 20c.

**NIEREMBERGIA.**

A desirable plant for baskets, vases or bedding. A slender, pretty, perpetual blooming plant. Flowers first year if sown early. Half hardy perennial. Pkt. 4c.



**PAMPASS GRASS.**

**OXALIS.**

It is not generally known that these annual varieties of Oxalis are fully equal for edgings to the variety grown from bulbs. Mixed colors. Pkt. 4c.

**GENOTHERA, Evening Primrose.**

Large, saucer-shaped blooms of the purest white or the softest, richest shades of yellow, and deliciously fragrant. The swollen buds expand at dusk with a sudden "snap" that always delights the children and interests the adults. Seed can be sown in the open ground and plants will soon be in bloom. Pkt. 3c.

**ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.**

All the annual varieties mixed, many of them being really handsome in growth, and all of them desirable for winter bouquets if cut while green and dried in the shade. Pkt. 4c.

**PYRETHRU M, Roseum.**

From the dried and powdered flowers of this is made the famous **PERSIAN INSECT POWDER**. Flowers large, yellow and rose colored; handsome. The largest crop of flowers are produced the second season. They should be gathered when in full bloom, dried carefully and stored in paper bags. Before using, flowers should be powdered fine as possible. Hardy perennial; height 2 ft. Pkt. 8c.

**PASSION FLOWER.**

(MAY POPS.)

Handsome, rapid growing climber for greenhouse or sunny position in open ground. Flesh white with purple rays. Blossoms first season from seed. Pkt. 8c.



**PHACELIA, Campanularia.**

A lovely annual, which when sown in the open ground, May 1st, will commence blooming the 1st of June and continue all summer in great profusion. The blossoms are of the most lovely shade of blue, cup-shaped, erect. It will please all who see it. Pkt. 4c.

**PAMPASS GRASS.**

Magnificent ornamental grass producing numerous flower stems surmounted by plumes of silver inflorescence. Half hardy perennial; 10 ft. high. Pkt. 5c.

**PRIMULA, Sinensis.**

(CHINESE PRIMROSE.)

Many persons seem to think Primulas are successfully propagated only in a greenhouse, hence we find amateurs often reluctant to attempt their culture. They are unequaled as winter bloomers, easily grown if right conditions are observed, and give a succession of flowers throughout the season, and are prized for their beauty and delicate fragrance. Pkt. 8c.



**CHINESE PRIMROSE.**



**\$100.00 CASH PRIZE FOR THE LARGEST PANSY.**

**PANSY**

## **MAMMOTH RAINBOW.**

*(See painting from nature on front cover page of this book.)*

The painting will give you a good idea of the size and beauty of the individual flowers, which are of the largest size and most perfect shape and richest colors, which for variety and beauty cannot be excelled. The flowers are half as large again as ordinary Pansies, frequently measuring  $2\frac{1}{4}$  to 4 inches across. The colors are truly wonderful and include all the new shades and markings introduced to the present time. Especially introduced to the most critical pansy lover and florist who require the greatest variety of colors as well as flowers of largest size. Pkt. 10c.

### **\$100.00 IN CASH**

Will be paid for the largest blossom raised from the seed of our Mammoth Rainbow Pansies for 1900. *Competition open to all of our customers who purchase from us a 10c packet of our Mammoth Rainbow Pansy seed during the year of 1900.* **THE CONTEST** closes Oct. 15, 1900, at 6 P. M., when the prize will be awarded promptly to the successful competitor. All blossoms must be carefully pressed and mailed to us before this date. Every packet of seed is sent out in a coupon envelope on which you will write your name and address in the places designated and return to us at the same time that you send the Pansy blossom. In case there are several flowers received of exactly the same size, Beauty and Markings of the flower will take first place.

### **HOW TO DRY AND PRESS PANSIES.**

To dry flowers, place them in a large, shallow pan or box and sift over them gently the finest, driest sand, giving them a bed of this sand at first, of course. By sifting it over very gradually and carefully, the sand atoms will slowly form about the flower, which, because of the gradual drifting about and piling up of the atoms, keeps the shape even to the most delicate curving. After the flowers are all well covered from sight, keep the pan or box exposed to a gentle heat for some days, after which it is left to cool slowly and the flowers, ferns, grasses, etc., thus treated are found to have kept their natural forms, and with very little perceptible difference in color. This is an old German method and one that is most successful. You can also press the blossoms between clean blotting paper if you are careful in smoothing out the petals so there will be no creases or wrinkles, but it is advisable to place oiled tissue paper over the face of the blossom.

# THE BEST PANSIES.

## ROYAL SHOW.

Is a mixture especially prepared from separate strains and colors of all the largest flowering and finest varieties that can be secured in Europe, and is unsurpassed in beauty, colorings and markings. Pkt. 6c.

## PEACOCK.

A beautiful variety of ultramarine blue in the upper petals of the flower, edged with a thin white line, within which is a space of purplish-crimson, passing into a rich central blotch of deep blue, shading to black, named "Peacock," because the blending colors resemble the feathers of a peacock. Pkt. 4c.

## BLACK PRINCE.

A distinct pansy of sterling merit. The rich glossy black has a peculiarly soft, velvety appearance, the magnificent large flowers are of fine circular form and carried upright well above the foliage; the plants are of very compact, bushy habit, and flower so profusely that a bed of the Black Prince makes a sight not often equaled. Pkt. 4c.

## SNOW QUEEN.

Pure satiny white, with yellow dot in center of flower, sometimes marked near center with faint blue or purple lines; altogether the least picturesque of any of the different classes of Pansies, it is very highly prized by a great many pansy lovers for just that reason. Pkt. 4c.

## NEW RED MIXED.

The most brilliant Pansy mixture ever offered, made up from a collection of all the best shades which have been produced up to date by the expert Pansy growers of Europe and America. If you want red pansies try this mixture. Pkt. 4c.

## METEOR.

Color bright canary-yellow; the three lower petals are variously spotted with mahogany-brown to dark purple, narrowly margined with gold or silver. Pkt. 4c.



## GIANT YELLOW PRINCE.

The color is pure golden yellow, shaded canary, sometimes with the three lower petals marked with purplish or red blotches and hair lines. It is impossible to produce by means of the printer's art the grand depth of brilliant color presented by this beautiful Pansy when well grown. Pkt. 6c.

## GIANT WHITE SPOTTED.

The flowers are very large, pure white, with a violet blotch on the three lower petals, of good form and substance. This is the first season we have been able to offer this fine strain separate. Pkt. 6c.

## EMPEROR WILLIAM.

The finest blue variety. The flowers are the true splendid ultra-marine blue color, with well defined purple-violet eye. Pkt. 4c.

## SWEET SCENTED.

*The Perfume of the Violet.*  
*The beauty of the Pansy.*

This new class is the result of crossing the Pansy (*Viola tricolor*) with the Sweet Violet (*Viola cornuta*) the resulting hybrids, in addition to retaining the delightful Violet Perfume, produce the most beautiful Pansy-like blossoms, 2 to 2½ inches across, of great substance and of an endless variety of colors. Pkt. 4c.

## NEW IMPERIAL GERMAN.

This mixture embraces seed of over fifty colors and markings, and is guaranteed to equal any strain offered as Imperial German. Pkt. 5c.

## NEW GIANT TRIMARDEAU.

Remarkable for the extra large size of the flowers, which, however, are not so circular in form as the "Imperial German" or the "Royal Show." Pkt. 6c.

## GOOD MIXED.

Fine for bedding, many rich colors. Pkt. 3c.





### GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA PETUNIAS.

A California strain of great beauty, size and luxuriance. The flowers are of immense size, often measuring 5 to 6 inches across, but the variety of colors, markings, veinings and blotchings distinguish them from all others. They are usually ruffled and fringed on the edges, and present a variety of beautiful effects, many colors being rich and glowing while others are very delicate. Pkt. 8c.

### PETUNIAS, Ruffled Giants.

The flowers of this new strain are extremely deep-throated and very large; they are ruffled, fluted or fringed; striped, blotched and of solid, intense colors, with many combinations quite new in Petunias. The plants are extra selected and include all the latest improved hybrids. Pkt. 10c.

### PETUNIAS, New Double Fordhook Fancy Fringed.

Finest varieties, carefully fecundated with best double flowers, and will produce from 25 to 40 per cent. of double flowering plants. Some double, fringed in all shades of colors existing in Petunias, and the blossoms that come single will be of grandiflora type. Pkt, 10c.

### PETUNIA, Snowball. SINGLE.

Grows about 8 inches high, with pure satiny white flowers, and makes a beautiful edging or bedding plant. Pkt. 4c.

### New Star, PETUNIA.

An exquisite variety either for the garden or pot culture, each flower having distinct white, star-like stripes on rich purplish ground. Pkt. 4c.

### PETUNIA, Hybrida. SINGLE, FINEST MIXED.

A splendid mixture, embracing all colors. They are excellent for bedding or massing. Pkt. 5c.

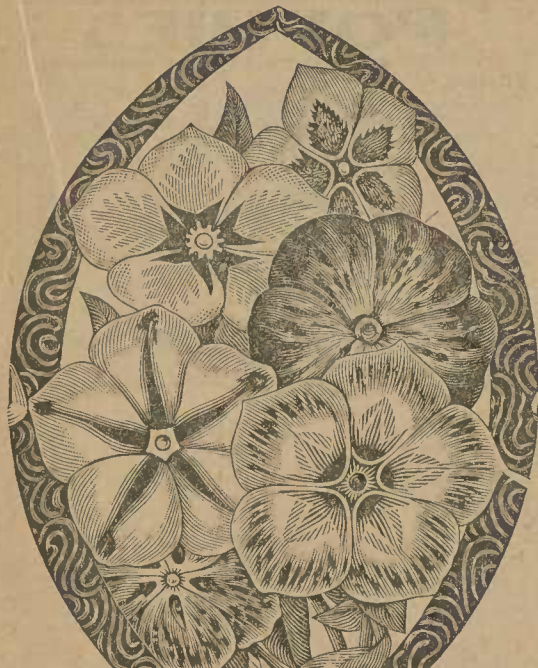
### PORTULACA, Double Flowered.

One of the most showy and beautiful annuals, with abundant highly colored flowers. For baskets, beds, masses or edging it is invaluable. The seed we offer has been saved with extra care from the finest colors, and will give a good proportion of double flowers. Pkt. 4c.

### PORTULACA, Single.

A great variety of colors mixed. Pkt. 3c.

# THE BEST PHLOX.



## ROCKFORD GIANT PHLOX.

Their long duration in bloom, combined with their almost unequaled richness of color, renders them of invaluable service in the flower garden. The colors range in every conceivable shade. Flowers twice the size of common Phlox. Pkt. 5c.

## NEW LARGE FLOWERED YELLOW PHLOX.

Among the many acres of Phlox growing at Rockford the past season a few have excited such attention as the bed of this New Large Yellow Phlox. It is a rich straw-yellow, of warm and glowing tone, while the flowers are of extra large size and fine form. The clusters of blooms are magnificent. Pkt. 5c.

**Large Flowering Brilliant Scarlet.**  
A most effective color for bedding. Pkt. 4c.

**Large Flowering Pure White.**  
Large, round flowers of splendid substance. Pkt. 4c.

**Hortensia Flowered.**  
These are undoubtedly one of the handsomest species of the Phlox family. The flowers are borne in large umbels, just like a Hydrangia. Pkt. 5c.

**Double Flowering.**  
A very desirable class. Flowers are double and semi-double and last much longer than those of the single Phlox. The white is especially valuable as a cut flower. All colors mixed. Pkt. 6c.

**Perennial. Choicest Mixed.**  
The varieties of the perennial Phlox are among the choicest of our flowers for bedding and border plants. They are hardy and need no protection; will flower in any soil, succeeding better, however, in deep, rich, rather moist ground. Pkt. 5c.

**Drummondii. Good Mixed.**  
Invaluable for bedding and cut flowers; an excellent strain. Pkt. 3c.



## STARRED AND FRINGED PHLOX.

These "Starred and Fringed Phloxes" are really entitled to rank as a new race. In the Fringed flowers the petals are partly fimbriate and partly three-toothed, in more than 20 distinct shades. In the Starred Phloxes the pointed central teeth of the petals are five or six times as long as the lateral ones and project beyond them like little spines, giving the flowers a star-like form. Pkt. 4c.



## POPPY NO. 206.

**\$50.00 FOR A NAME.**



This is a new strain of Poppy, and a perfect sight when growing. Produces a mass of flowers of remarkable beauty. Plants grow strong, branching nicely and will continue to bloom throughout the season. We own all the seed there is and propose to have our customers give it a trial and name it this season. It is superior to anything ever seen in the Poppy line. Our customers now have a chance of testing this grandest and best Poppy a year before the general public, and have the privilege of suggesting a name for this new variety with every packet of seed purchased. Every packet of seed will be sent out in a coupon envelope on which the buyer is to write his name, postoffice and name he suggests for the Poppy; and return it to us on or before September 1st, 1900, and the person suggesting the winning name will receive \$50.00 in cash. Each packet has full directions printed on it, and while you may win \$50.00 in cash, you will say that you never saw its equal and are more than pleased, even if you don't send in the winning name. Order a few packets and send in some names, for some of them may win. Pkt. 10c; 3 pkts. 25c; 7 pkts. 50c; 16 pkts. \$1.00.

### ICELAND POPPIES.

These fine perennial poppies produce flowers in great abundance the first year from the seed. The colors range from the purest white and yellow to the deepest orange scarlet, and have a delicious fragrance. For vase or house decorations they rank among the loveliest. Mixed colors. Pkt. 4c.

It is perfectly hardy and will flower the first season from seed. The flowers are large, exceedingly graceful and elegant; the colors are pure, soft and varied, and range from bluish white rose, delicate pink and carmine, through innumerable tints to bright, sparkling crimson. Pkt. 4c.

### The Shirley.

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## POPPIES



### New Cardinal.

The plants grow about 16 inches high, and are well furnished with deeply-cut, dark green foliage, which shows off the enormous double, glowing cardinal-scarlet flowers. On close inspection each of the perfectly fringed petals will be found lined with white, while on the back of the lower a white Maltese cross stands out in sharp relief. Pkt. 4c.

### Fairy Blush.

The immense, globular flowers are perfectly double and measure from 10 to 13 inches in circumference; the petals are elegantly fringed and pure white except at the tips, where they are distinctly colored with rosy cream. Pkt. 4c.

### White Swan.

One of the most effective and valuable Poppies introduced for years. The plants are about eighteen inches high, grow in very pretty bush form, crowned with flowers of enormous size, perfect form, very double and of the purest snow-white. Pkt. 4c.

### Double Poppies Mixed.

For dazzling richness and variety of colors, the flowers are unequalled. Simply scatter the seed in the open ground and a mass of beauty will result which will be a constant source of pleasure. Pkt. 3c.



**New Dwarf Rose.**

**ROSE. New Dwarf Multiflora.**

Also called Baby and Fairy Rose. *Roses from seed the first year.* The plants bloom in three months after sowing, so that seed sown in February in the house may be had in bloom in June in the open ground where they continue to bloom throughout the season, giving about an equal proportion of single, semi-double and double flowers borne in clusters. The plants are dwarf and bushy growing only about one foot high, and are very pretty in solid beds and borders. They are very hardy and may be treated as annuals. Pkt. 8c.



**RICINUS.**

**NEW ZANZIBAR CASTOR BEAN.**

A new form of Ricinus; of short jointed stout growth and extraordinarily large leaves which are produced in such abundance that the plant is a perfect pyramid of beautiful foliage. The most tropical and ornamental Castor Bean yet introduced. The seeds, which are of extraordinary size, are beautifully mottled and speckled and show various colors, white, pink, black, crimson, etc. The seeds are as beautiful to look at as are many flowers. They are sure to please all. Pkt. 4c.

**RICINUS. CASTOR OIL PLANT.**

The common standard variety, many choice varieties mixed. Pkt. 3c.

**New Zanzibar Castor Bean.**

**RHODOCHITON. Volubile.**

A splendid climber growing about ten feet high and a pretty subject for trellises. The flowers are about two inches long, curiously formed and of a rich claret red, and hang on long graceful stems. It flowers freely from seed the first season. Pkt. 8c.

**SANVITALIA, Procumbens, Double.**

Very pretty dwarf trailing plants; excellent for rock work, borders or edging of beds. It is so completely covered with flowers as to nearly hide the foliage. Double flowers of a brilliant golden yellow. Pkt. 4c.



Salvia.

### **SALVIA, or Scarlet Sage.**

One of the grandest plants in cultivation—a bed of them surpassing the finest scarlet geraniums in brilliancy and continuous bloom; the flower spikes often measure ten to twelve inches in length and there are as many as two hundred spikes on a well grown plant. From the time they first begin to flower, the plants are never out of bloom until killed by late frosts. It is easily grown from seed and the purchase of plants should be abandoned. Pkt. 4c.



Salpiglossis.

### **SALPIGLOSSIS, Grandiflora, or Painted Tube Tongue.**

The graceful flowers, borne on long stems, range in color from the most delicate shades of light blue and straw color to the deepest purple and richest brown and maroon. The quaint, funnel-shaped flowers somewhat resemble those of the petunia, and are borne on long stems in great profusion. The metallic gloss and distinct veining of the petals present almost the appearance of jeweled enamels. Large Flowering mixed. Pkt. 4c.



Scabiosa.

### **SCABIOSA, or Mourning Bride.**

Often called Sweet Scabius. The stock we offer is a wonderful improvement over the old and common strains. The plants produce a profusion of large, double flowers of striking shades of color, which are very useful in making bouquets. Hardy annual.

Double Dwarf Mixed, Pkt. 4c.

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## WHITE PERPETUAL STOCKS.

(Princess Alice.)

The individual flowers are uncommonly large, of a fine, rosette-like shape and of the purest possible white. If sown early will produce a great abundance of bloom from July until November. Pkt. 5c.

## PEACH BLOSSOM STOCK.

The plants are of neat pyramidal habit of growth, crowned with magnificent heads of beautiful shaped, perfectly double sweet scented, flowers of a delicate peach blossom color. For beauty and long continuance of bloom it is unsurpassed. Pkt. 5c.

## SWEET ROCKET (Hesperis.)

The Sweet Rocket produces clusters of flowers which are very fragrant during the evening. The seed rapidly germinates in the open ground with very little care. Hardy perennial, one and one-half feet high. Pkt. 3c.

## SENECIO ELEGANS.

A beautiful free flowering annual, dense heads of bloom and is of very compact and regular habit of growth, and when planted close together make an effective bed, as the flowers completely cover the plants. The flowers are of a fine lustrous purple-red, bright crimson, rose colored and pure white, perfectly double and imbricated, very valuable for bouquets. Pkt. 3c.

## SMILAX.

One of the most desirable window vines, on account of its charming, glossy, green, elegant and graceful foliage, and will grow several feet high the first season. Started in the spring it affords elegant trellis plants for the house in winter; also fine in hanging baskets. Pkt. 4c.

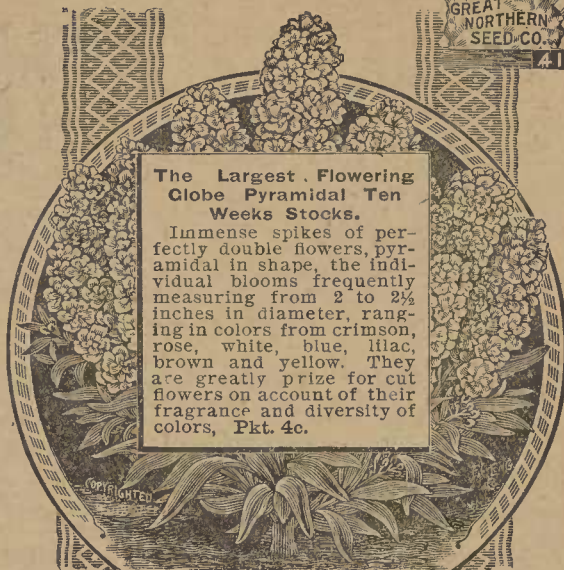
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## The Largest Flowering Globe Pyramidal Ten Weeks Stocks.

Immense spikes of perfectly double flowers, pyramidal in shape, the individual blooms frequently measuring from 2 to 2½ inches in diameter, ranging in colors from crimson, rose, white, blue, lilac, brown and yellow. They are greatly prize for cut flowers on account of their fragrance and diversity of colors. Pkt. 4c.



# SWEET PEAS—CREAM OF BEST VARIETIES.

## CUPIDS.

### NEW WHITE CUPID.

The plant forms a compact, moss-like bunch about nine inches high and about eighteen inches across, producing an abundance of clear white flowers of fine form and substance. It is well suited for growing in pots or as a border plant. Pkt. 4c, oz. 10c.

### NEW PINK CUPID.

Identical to the above in every way except color, which is a beautiful pink. Very free flowering. Pkt. 5c, oz. 12c.

### BLANCHE FERRY EXTRA EARLY. (The Best Pink.)

Of greatest value for cut flowers, being ten days earlier, dwarfier and a more prolific bloomer than the original Blanche Ferry. Deep rose pink, white wings. Pkt. 4c, oz. 7c.

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The best and brightest of all scarlets. Standard fiery scarlet, wings crimson scarlet. Pkt. 4c, oz. 7c.

### NAVY BLUE. (Best Blue.)

The only Sweet Pea that is of a True Blue Color. General color effect dark blue, standard brilliant royal purple, wings pure violet; the whole flower elegantly veined. Pkt. 5c.

### PERENNIAL OR EVERLASTING PEA. (Lathyrus.)

They do not have the delicious fragrance of the Sweet Peas, but they are equally beautiful. They are perfectly hardy and live year after year, bearing magnificent clusters of flowers and blooming in the spring. Pkt. 4c.



## BEST NEW MIXED.

Owing to a special demand for all the new and finer named varieties, we have selected all the large flowering and most distinct sorts, especially for those who can afford to pay for the scarce and rarer varieties that heretofore have been too expensive to include in a mixture, including in all some fifty or sixty named varieties. This we call our Best Mixed, and we can particularly recommend it as extra choice and fine. Pkt. 5c, oz. 10c.

## FINE MIXED.

This strain, although not embracing the newest seedlings, contains a beautiful assortment of the famous Eckford Sweet Peas and others. Pkt. 4c, oz. 8c.

## GOOD MIXED.

A splendid collection. Pkt. 3c, oz. 6c.

## NEW DOUBLE.

Double Sweet Peas are of incomparable beauty. The most plants are of extremely robust growth, producing a lavish profusion of richly fragrant flowers; the flowers are extra large, frequently measuring over two inches across. They will not all come double, but if the plants are grown strong and luxuriant they usually produce from 20 to 40 per cent of double blossoms. Pkt. 4c, oz. 10c.

### AMERICA. (Very Fine.)

The brightest blood red, striped and variegated. Pkt. 4c.

### STANLEY. (The Best Dark.)

Rich dark maroon. This is by far the finest dark variety. Pkt. 4c.

### LOTTIE HUTCHINS.

(One of the Best.)

Flaked pink on cream ground, rich. Pkt. 4c.

### STELLA MORSE. (Best Yellow.)

Distinct as the nearest approach to yellow in Sweet Peas; of a pale primrose yellow color. Pkt. 4c.

### BLANCHE BURPEE.

(The Best White.)

Easily leads all other whites. This is without doubt the finest white variety. The habit is strong and vigorous; the seed should therefore, be sown rather thinly. The flowers themselves are of giant size and are freely produced. By keeping them cut each day the plants may be kept in bloom for a surprisingly long time. Pkt. 4c, oz. 7c.

### ROYAL ROSE.

New. Rich, rosy pink; very fine. Pkt. 4c.

### DOROTHY TENNANT.

Beautiful deep rosy mauve. One of the best. Pkt. 4c.

## SWEET PEA NO 61.

\$50.00 FOR A NAME.



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### SHELL FLOWER (*Molucca*.)

Although robust and easily grown everywhere, this interesting annual from Syria is but little known and annually excites much attention when growing on our Seed Farms. Grows from two to three feet high, sending up a long central stem with many branches, each of which is so completely covered with flowers as to leave scarcely any room for the leaves. Flower is very curious, its large, shell-like calyx is green and veined; corolla white, striped with purple. When cut it emits a fragrance like balm. Pkt. 4c.

### SWEET WILLIAM or (*Dianthus Barbatus*.)

The Sweet William is one of the finest flowering plants among the hardy perennials. The flowers have a wide range of bright colors and varied markings, including the finest auricula-eyed varieties. Single and double mixed. Pkt. 3c.

### SOLANUM (Jerusalem Cherry.)

A miniature orange tree, covered all winter with a profusion of scarlet fruit. The foliage is very beautiful, but the fruit is the chief attraction. Pkt. 3c.

### THUNBERGIA (Black Eyed Susan.)

Very elegant, slender-growing climber, rapidly covering wire trellises, and also useful for vases in the garden or house. The colors are pure white, light yellow and deep orange. They continue in flower all summer. Mixed. Pkt. 3c.

### THRIFT.

This is a splendid plant, forming compact tufts of narrow green foliage, which makes it most valuable for edging. The flowers are of clear, bright pink, borne in clusters on tall stems. Blooms all summer long. Pkt. only 5c.



WALLFLOWERS

### WALLFLOWERS SINGLE PARISIAN.

Wallflowers are the most deliciously fragrant of all garden flowers. Their cultivation has been restricted, however, because they did not bloom until the year after the seed was sown; this new annual variety will flower throughout the summer and fall from seed sown the same spring. Everyone should now grow some and enjoy the pleasing fragrance of the cinnamon-colored flowers. Pkt. 4c.

### DOUBLE MIXED WALLFLOWERS.

Spikes of deliciously fragrant double flowers, combining many shades of color, chocolate and orange purple predominating. Pkt. 4c.

### VINCA, Mixed.

A free flowering perennial, with glossy green foliage and beautiful circular flowers of a fine rose color. If sown early under glass and transplanted in a warm situation, will bloom in the summer and autumn, and may be potted for the house before frost. Pkt. 4c.

**NOTICE**—We grow and offer only seeds of reliable quality. Our list may not be as large as some other dealers, but it contains the Cream of the Best Varieties in the World.

### VIOLET,

(*Viola*.)

The Violet should not be wanting in any garden on account of its fragrance and early appearance. A single flower will perfume a whole room. Succeeds best in a shady, sheltered place Pkt. 4c.

## VERBENAS.



### GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA VERBENAS.

Flowers of unusual size, single flowers sometimes being as large as a twenty-five cent piece, while the clusters of bloom are magnificent and the range of color is more vivid than in any other mixture. For garden beds or massing the Verbena is unrivaled; flowers of the most brilliant colors blooming continually from spring until late in the autumn. Although perennials, they bloom profusely the first season from seed. Pkt. 6c.

### HYBRIDS, Fine Mixed.

A very good strain and fully equal to that offered by many dealers at a greatly advanced price. Pkt. 3c.

## VERBENAS.



### ODORATA.

This lovely Verbena is hardy. Seed may be sown in open ground early in the spring. The blossoms, instead of being in clusters, run into spikes three or four inches long, and are very sweet scented. Pkt. 4c.

### LEMON VERBENA.

This elegant, fragrant plant is easily grown from seed and succeeds anywhere. Have a good bed of it in the garden over summer, that you may cut its fragrant foliage and flowers to make up with bouquets. Pkt. 4c.

### PURE WHITE VERBENA.

(*Candidissima*.)

A fine strain of large, flowering, pure white Hybrid Verbena. Trusses large and borne freely at all times; always comes true from seed. Pkt. 4c.

### DEFIANCE VERBENA.

True brightest scarlet. Pkt. 4c.

## ZINNIAS.



### NEW MAMMOTH FLOWERED.

Plants of vigorous growth, three feet high; profuse bloomers. Flowers are extremely double and brilliant in color, while in size they surpass all other varieties. Prize mixed. Pkt. 6c.

### DOUBLE LILLIPUT.

Dwarf compact bushes, bearing very small perfectly double, pompon-shaped flowers, of the brightest color, which covers the plant during the entire summer and until frost sets in. The flowers embrace a large range of both light and dark colors, evenly distributed. Pkt. 6c.

### MAMMOTH ZEBRA.

This is really the finest strain of striped or Zebra Zinnias in cultivation. Pkt. 100 seeds 6c.

### CRESTED AND CURLED.

Flowers large and double, the petals being twisted beautifully. Pkt. 50 seed 6c.



## Wondrous Weather Plant.

This beautiful plant has, during the last two years, created a great sensation throughout the world. It is said that the leaves, by changing their position, foretell the weather two days in advance, and extensive experiments by order of the Prince of Wales sometime since proves that it is in truth prophetic. Other tests and experiments have not been so successful, and it is yet an open question as to its merits in this respect.

### A Wonderful Novelty.

It is at least a graceful vine with lovely foliage and flowers. Our cut shows the position the leaves are supposed to assume in foretelling the weather. If the leaves stand upward from the twig, making with each other an angle of  $45^\circ$ , the sky will be cloudless and the weather beautiful in all respects. If they stand out straight, changeable weather is indicated. As the leaves droop below the twig, the indications range toward rain, until when the leaves hang straight downward water may be expected to fall in torrents. A local storm is indicated by the curling together of the leaves, and a fog by the bending of the twigs. Seeds are of good size and sometimes slow to germinate; soak in lukewarm water before planting. Pkt. 10c.



## THE BEST BEETS.

### COLUMBIA.

This distinct new beet is early, of finest quality and great uniformity, both in roots and neat handsome foliage, being of turnip-shape with smooth, clear skin and deep blood red flesh of extra fine quality. Pkt. 4c.

### ELECTRIC.

Rich, red flesh, exceedingly tender and remarkably early. In shape almost round. The leaves are small and set close to the crown. The tap root is small starting without a taper. It shows a maximum of edible portion with a minimum of foliage and tap root. The color, which is constant, is crimson, very dark, with rings of lighter hue. The flesh is delicate, rich, sugary and free from fibre. Pkt. 5c.

### BEST OF ALL.

**Best of All.** *The Earliest Beet in the Market.* A selection from that standard sort, Early Blood Turnip, which retains the earliness of the parent stock and has added thickness, giving it a more desirable shape. It is the deepest red, almost black in color, and is of finer quality than the Blood Turnip, being sweeter and even more tender and smoother. The most desirable sort for small beets for early use. Pkt. 6c.

### ASPARAGUS. New Mammoth.

The most distinct and valuable variety. The immense shoots are clear white and in favorable weather remain so until three or four inches above the surface. The crown or bud of the young stalk is considerably smaller than the part just below it, thus further distinguishing the variety. All but a very few of the seedlings produce clear white shoots. Pkt. 4c.

### IMPROVED LONG DARK SMOOTH BLOOD.

Tops large; neck small; leaf stems and veins red; leaf green; roots large, tapering toward both ends, growing even with the surface; dark red flesh; tender and sweet. Pkt. 4c.



## BEANS.

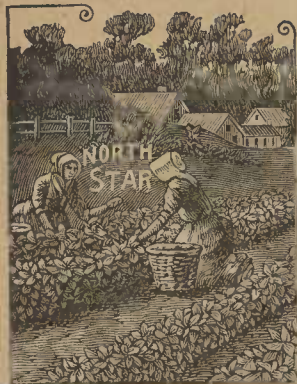
### BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA.

*A bush form of the Large Pole Lima.* The plants are uniformly dwarf, but enormously productive, single plants under favorable circumstances yielding from 200 to 350 pods. The pods are as large as those of the Large Lima, and contain from three to five very large beans of the best quality. Fully equaling in quality the Large White Lima. Anyone who has tried this variety will be desirous of planting it again. Pkt. 8c.

Geo. R. Ferguson, Miles City, Mont., writes: "We have had splendid results from the seeds purchased from your house. Have advised several of my friends to send their orders to you."

Who will be the lucky ones to win the Cash Prizes offered in this catalogue?

## BEANS.



### NORTH STAR.

The best and earliest Snap Bush Bean. Round, fleshy pods, which mature quickly and are of first rate quality. This is the most popular of all green-podded beans, both for family and market gardener. We have always kept abreast of the times, and have for some years past grown this bean, which is unequalled in extra earliness, evenness and handsome appearance. Pkt. 7c.

NOTICE what is said about "The Great \$2,500.00 Onion" on page 57. Be sure to try for at least one of the Big Cash Prizes.

## NORTHERN RUST-PROOF WAX.

~~The Earliest Wax Bean in Cultivation.~~ This is fully one week earlier than any other Wax Bean. The pods are large and of good color and ripen uniformly and well together. There is none better for the family garden. Pkt. 8c.



### YOSEMITE MONSTER WAX.

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Mammoth pods 8 to 10 inches long, as thick as one's finger, and very fleshy and thick meated. Color a rich, golden yellow, very clear and wax-like. Bush an enormous bearer and sure to attract attention anywhere from the size of its great pods. Pkt. 7c.

## LAZY WIFE.

This is a round, medium size white pole bean, pods good size, pale green in color, very thick meated, remarkably tender, entirely stringless and should be grown in every garden where Pole Beans are desired. Pkt. 6c.



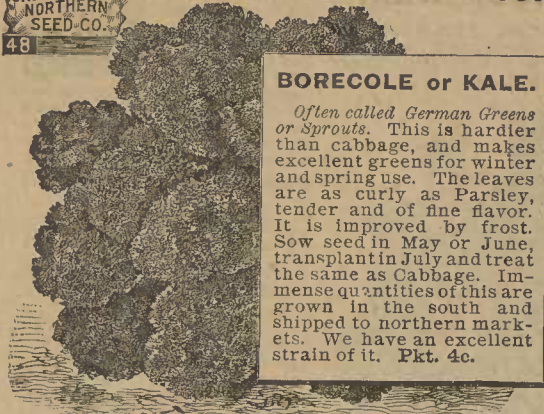
## KING OF THE GARDEN LIMA.

A well known Pole Bean and produces large size pods and beans which are of the best quality. It is the best Pole Lima Bean of to-day. Pkt. 6c.

A. C. Witwer, Orange Grove, Fla., writes: "I have had a splendid garden ever since I began to plant your 'Northern Grown Seeds,' in fact when your seed is planted in comparison with seed purchased from southern seedsmen we always find yours by far the better."



## BORECOLE or Kale.



### BORECOLE or KALE.

Often called *German Greens* or *Sprouts*. This is hardier than cabbage, and makes excellent greens for winter and spring use. The leaves are as curly as Parsley, tender and of fine flavor. It is improved by frost. Sow seed in May or June, transplant in July and treat the same as Cabbage. Immense quantities of this are grown in the south and shipped to northern markets. We have an excellent strain of it. Pkt. 4c.



### CRESS.

#### Curled or Pepper Grass.

This small salad is much used with Lettuce, to which its warm and pungent taste makes a most agreeable addition. Pkt. 3c.

#### TRUE WATER CRESS.

The most delicious of small salads. The seed should be sown and lightly covered in gravelly, muddy lands along the borders of small, rapid streams, and the plants will need no subsequent culture, as under favorable conditions they increase very rapidly by self sown seed and extension of the roots. Pkt. 4c.

Pepper Grass.

## THE GREAT COFFEE BERRY.



*The best Coffee Substitute ever discovered.* Many pronounce it as good as the genuine, and it is superceding in a great measure store coffee as fast as its merits become known. It is the poor man's friend and the rich man's delight. It is certainly the best berry to mix in other coffee we ever saw; half and half will produce a drink claimed by many to be equal to a good cup of Rio. It is the hardest, easiest raised and most productive of any plant we ever saw. While growing it is a perfect sight to behold. See coffee cut which does not exaggerate its wonderful productiveness. It matures early as corn, and does well on every kind of soil. You can raise your own coffee for one cent a pound. Ground and fed to milch cows it makes the richest and yellowest butter ever seen. It is as easily raised as corn or beans, and is cultivated in the same way. Full directions on every packet. Parch and prepare like other coffee and you will be surprised and delighted to find how good it is. My seed is genuine. We regret having only room for the following among hundreds of testimonials: The Christian Advocate says: "It is one of the most wonderful discoveries of the age. We have never tasted anything that comes so near genuine." A. I. Root, publisher, says: "The Coffee Berry is a success, and preferable to the real coffee, because I think it more healthful."

Buy at headquarters and avoid disappointment. Large Pkt. 10c.; 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.; all prepaid.

# CABBAGE. \$50.00 FOR A NAME

For this Grand New  
Cabbage No. 44. . .



This cabbage promises to surpass anything ever offered. We own all the seed there is and propose to have our customers give it a trial and name it this season, before we perior to anything ever seen in the cabbage line. grandest and best cabbage, a year before the gen- name for this new variety with every packet of in a coupon envelope, on which the buyer is to write his Cabbage, and return it to us on or before September name will receive \$50.00 in cash. Every packet has \$50.00 in cash, you will say that you never saw its send in the winning name. Order a few packets win.



put it on the market in large quantities. It is su- Our customers now have a chance of testing this eral public, and have the privilege of suggesting a seed purchased. Every packet of seed will be sent out name, postoffice address and name he suggests for the 1st, 1900, and the person suggesting the winning full directions printed on it and while you may win equal and are more than pleased, even if you don't and send in some names for some of them may

Pkt. 10c; 3 Pkts. 25c; 7 Pkts. 50c; 16 Pkts. \$1.00.

Have You Taken Advantage of the \$3.00 PRESENT? See Inside Front Cover.

## LIGHTNING EXPRESS.



### THE EARLIEST OF ALL.

Ready for use in sixty days from the time of planting. Heads of good size, weigh from 8 to 13 pounds, have but few outside leaves and therefore may be planted very close together and yield large crops; fine flavor, very solid. Pkt. 5c.

## NEW EARLY SPRING.



### THE BEST SECOND EARLY.

A grand acquisition. The whole plant is finely bred. It possesses wonderful uniformity in shape, being round, slightly flattened at the top of head. Flavor is delicious and every plant makes a good marketable head. Pkt. 4c.

## SUREHEAD.



### BEST FOR MAIN CROP.

A famous sort, large, round, flattened heads remarkable for its certainty to head. Heads uniform, hard, firm and fine in texture, weigh 15 pounds; sweet flavored, keeps well. Pkt 4c.

### MAMMOTH ROCK RED.

The best red cabbage for all purposes. Pkt. 4c.



# THE BEST LATE CABBAGE.

## NORTHERN GIANT FLAT DUTCH.

### 10 Points it is Distinguished By:

1. Its the surest heading Cabbage in the world.
2. Is the superior of all other Winter Cabbages.
3. Enormous solid heads, averaging 20 lbs. or more.
4. Measuring 18 to 24 inches in diameter.
5. Specially grown heads often reach 50 lbs. each.
6. Interior creamy white, compact and crisp.
7. Unequaled for cooking or slicing; flavor especially fine.
8. It is the best winter keeper in forty states.
9. It has more friends than any other sort.
10. It is known to flourish on all soils.

As predicted last year, this truly wonderful late variety had the greatest run of any late cabbage on the market, and not one of our customers were disappointed in the results. From the multitude of testimonials received regarding this variety we are led to believe that our efforts in introducing this grandest of all late varieties are truly appreciated. It is grand—simply eclipsing everything of its kind in the market—999 out of 1,000 plants will produce marketable heads. We control the complete stock of this variety. Pkt. 10c.

## CAULIFLOWER.



## NORTHERN EARLY SNOWBALL.

Extensively grown for forcing or wintering over for early crop. It is exceedingly early and hardy and is one of the surest to make a solid compact head. The best for late summer and fall crop. There is no vegetable where the quality of the seed has more to do with the success of the crop than in Cauliflower. Our seed is most carefully grown and with reasonable care every plant will produce a fine head. Pkt. 8c.

## COLLARDS—True Georgia.

Also known in different sections as "Cole" and "Colewort." It originated in the south in the effort of cabbage to perpetuate itself under an adverse climate. It forms a mass of leaves on a tall stem and is used for greens. Pkt. 8c.

## CARROTS. NEW CHANTENAY or Model.

Tops medium sized; necks small; roots tapering slightly but uniformly stump-rooted and smooth; color deep orange-red; flesh very crisp and tender. While this is a medium early sort, it furnishes roots of usable size as early as any, is a heavy cropper and is undoubtedly one of the best for both the market and private gardener, while its great productiveness makes it very desirable as a field sort. Pkt. 5c.

### DANVERS—(Private Stock).

Grown largely everywhere on account of its great productiveness and adaptability to all classes of soil. Tops medium sized. The smooth and handsome roots are deep orange of medium length, tapering uniformly to a blunt point; flesh sweet, crisp, tender and of a deep orange color. This variety although the roots are shorter, produces as large a bulk as the longer field sorts and is more easily harvested. Pkt. 4c.

### OX-HEART or GUERANDE.

This fine carrot is a decided advance in shape. It is intermediate as to length between the half-long varieties (such as Danvers) and the Short Horn Carrot, but much thicker than the latter, attaining at the top from three to four inches in diameter. Very fine quality for table. Pkt. 4c.

**IMPROVED LONG ORANGE.** Being always well formed, of large size, deep, rich orange color. Good keeper. Pkt. 3c.



NEW GOLDEN SELF BLANCHING.



NEW CHANTENAY.

## CELERY. NEW GOLDEN SELF BLANCHING.

Plants of a yellowish-green color when young, but as they mature the inner stems and leaves turn a beautiful golden yellow, which adds much to their attractiveness and makes the work of blanching easier. The handsome color, crispness, tenderness, freedom from stringiness and fine nutty flavor of this variety make it only necessary to be tried in order to establish it as *The Standard of Excellence as an Early Sort*. Pkt. 5c.

### WHITE PLUME.

One of the most beautiful of all and the earliest. Brittle, fine grained, and the easiest known sort to blanch. Pkt. 4c.

### IMPROVED GOLDEN HEART.

The best for family and market use. The quality is grand and far superior to the original stock of Golden Heart in habit of growth, and is considerably better than the parent stock. The stalks are very thick, beautifully formed, perfectly solid, of excellent flavor. Another requisite is its excellent keeping quality. In this respect it is the best celery for winter storage, for market or private planting it is an indispensable variety. Pkt. 4c.

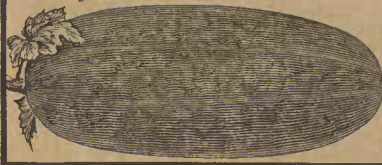
### CELERIAC OR TURNIP ROOTED CELERY.

This is unquestionably the largest and best Celeriac in existence. The roots are very large, almost globe shaped. Flavor excellent. Pkt. 4c.



### MONARCH WHITE SPINE.

Very superior for all purposes. Almost cylindrical in shape, slightly pointed at the ends, and handsome in appearance, being perfectly smooth and not ridged, as in other strains. The vines are of vigorous growth and enormously productive. The fruits retain their dark green color after being picked longer than any other variety. Pkt. 5c.



## THE BEST CUCUMBERS.

### NEW ROCKFORD PICKLE

Without a doubt the culminating triumph of Cucurbit introductions. It is unquestionably the best Cucurbit for pickles, and is used almost exclusively by pickle factories throughout the country. The fruit is of medium size, wonderfully even in growth, slightly pointed at both ends. Extra early, and the whole crop can be depended upon to make fine pickles. Color deep green; begins to set its fruit when quite young. You will also find this variety valuable for slicing, being of fine flavor, crisp and delicious. Pkt. 8c.

### NEW EXTRA EARLY LONG GREEN.

Produced by selection from Long Green. Vines vigorous and productive, forming fruit fit for table nearly as early as the shorter sorts. Fruit grows about 12 inches long, firm and crisp. The young fruit make the best pickles, and when ripe are preferable to any for sweet pickles. We offer a carefully selected strain, uniformly long and of good form, with the large warts and spines well distributed over the surface instead of being clustered at one end. Pkt. 4c.

### NEW EVERBEARING.

This variety has proved very useful on account of its *everbearing* character. The first cucumbers are ready very early. Then the vines continue to flower and produce fruit continuously until killed by frost. They are remarkably solid with few seeds and of very fine quality both for slicing and pickling. Pkt. 3c.

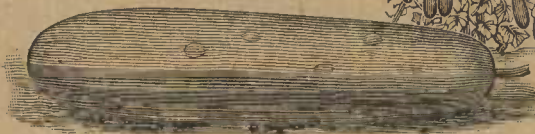
### NEW JAPANESE CLIMBING CUCUMBER.

The vines are of good, healthy, vigorous growth with rich, dark green foliage, and throw out strong grasping tendrils, which enable it to climb trellises, wire netting, brush or any other suitable support. It comes into bearing quickly and continues abundantly throughout the season, while the climbing habit enables the fruit to grow perfectly straight; from 12 to 18 inches in length. The cucumbers are thick, tender and of delicate flavor. Flesh pure white. Pkt. 5c.

### WEST INDIA

#### CHERKINS.

Used exclusively for pickling, small, oval-shaped prickly fruit. Pkt. 4c.



## THE BEST SWEET CORN.



NEW SWEET CORN,

**"FIRST OF ALL."**

The Earliest of All; Earlier than the Early Cory

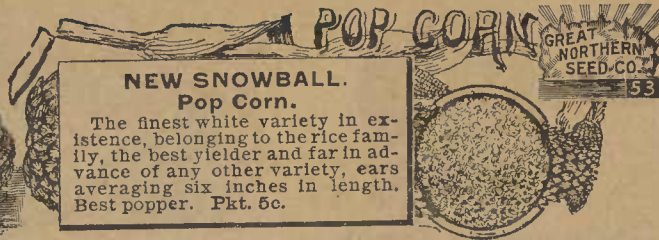
This single statement will make thousands of our customers eager to have the *First of All Sweet Corn* which is ready for the table from three days to a week earlier than any other, making it very desirable, not only for family gardens, but extremely valuable to grow for market where the earliest corn always brings by far the highest prices. The ears are of medium size, well filled with large grains to the very tip. Many of the ears contain ten to twelve rows. Superior in quality, tender and sweet. Pkt. 7c.

**NORTH STAR.**

The best "*Second Early Variety*" so say thousands of our customers from every part of the country. Grows to good size. Ears of exceptionally fine size and of a perfect color, kernels very broad and by far the sweetest, richest, whitest and most tender of any other *main crop* variety. Not only is it valuable for family uses but for early market and shipping purposes it is also in the lead. Pkt. 6c.

**STOWELL'S EVERGREEN  
Special Stock.**

The best late Sweet Corn in every way. Being large eared, hardy and productive, sweet and tender, and remaining a long time in condition suitable for cooking. It will give satisfaction. Pkt. 6c.



**NEW SNOWBALL.**

**Pop Corn.**

The finest white variety in existence, belonging to the rice family, the best yielder and far in advance of any other variety, ears averaging six inches in length. Best popper. Pkt. 5c.



**EGG PLANT.**

**Improved New Large Purple.**

The best variety. Very large and smooth, fine dark color. We make the most careful selection of our stock plants and know it to be unsurpassed for all uses. Pkt. 4c.

**ENDIVE or  
Winter Lettuce.**

**NEW MOSS  
CURLD.**

The best variety. It may be grown at any season of the year, but is more generally used late in the fall. When well established thin the plants to one foot apart. When nearly full grown tie the outer leaves together over the center in order to blanch the heart of the plant. Pkt. 4c.



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### NEW GARDEN LEMON.

The greatest novelty of recent introduction. A trifle smaller than Vine Peach. Has fine flesh and desirable acid flavor, thus dispensing with sliced lemon, which is so important in putting up the Vine Peach. Unexcelled for general canning purposes. An enormous yielder, a very profitable crop to grow for market purposes, gives unbounded satisfaction for all family uses. Pkt. 6c.



### THE MANGO MELON, or Vegetable Peach.

Splendid novelty, very striking in color, most wonderful yielder. Fruit about the size of an orange, orange-shaped, and a bright orange yellow color, somewhat russeted. For sweet pickles, pies or preserving they are splendid. Enormously productive and can be used in every way as the peach, but are not quite as sweet. Pkt. 6c.



### GOURDS—Finest Mixed.

Combining in the largest mixture the most curious, interesting and useful of the Gourd family. Forms may be varied by tying strings around the young fruit or by enclosing the same in a carved mould while growing, thus stamping on its surface any desired figures or letters that may be carved on the mould. Start seed early and transplant. Give them a sunny place and plenty of water. Pkt. 5c.



### NEW GROUND CHERRY.

Often called "Golden Husk or Strawberry Tomato." We are headquarters for this desirable novelty which is unequalled for canning, preserving and pies. Dried in sugar as raisins or figs, or to use in fruit cake they are unexcelled. They are of a handsome, golden color, the size of large cherries, enormously productive. Pkt. 5c.

## LETTUCE.



### NEW ICEBERG.

Quick growing and exquisite flavor. The large curly leaves which cover the outside of the solid heads are of bright light green, with a slight reddish tinge on the edges. They have small indents which are constantly filled with dew drops, keeping it fresh and showing a remarkable crystalline appearance. Pkt. 5c.

### FIRST EARLY.

This is the *Earliest Lettuce in the World*; beautiful flavor and shape. It is a lettuce for early, for general crop, or any time and we do not think it can be improved. It will please every one who plants it. Be sure and give it a trial. Pkt. 4c.

### EARLY TENNIS BALL.

A first-class variety, and one of the best head lettuce for forcing under glass or out of doors. Plants, medium size with thick, dark green leaves, and when well grown have compact, solid heads, which blanch easily and are crisp and tender. Pkt. 3c.

# LETTUCE. \$50.00 for a Name

This Lettuce promises to surpass anything ever offered. We own all the seed there is and propose to have our customers give it a trial and name it this season, before we superior to anything ever seen in the Lettuce in this grandest and best Lettuce, a year before suggesting a name for this new variety with **CONDITIONS:** Every purchaser of seed is sent packet of No. 7 Lettuce bought. Each packet of seed may write his Name, Postoffice address and the Name before September 1st, 1900, and the person suggested. Each packet has full directions printed will say that you never saw its equal and are winning name. Order a few packets and send

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For this Grand New Lettuce, No. 7. ....



put it on the market in large quantities. It is line. Our customers now have a chance of test-fore the general public, and have the privilege every packet of seed purchased.

titled to suggest *One Name for each and every* is sent out in a *Coupon envelope, on which the buyer suggested for this Lettuce and return it to us on or* gesting the winning name will receive \$50.00 in on it, and while you may win \$50.00 (in cash, you more than pleased, even if you don't send in the in some names, for some of them may win.

Mr. B. M. Evans, Houston, Tex., writes: *Your "Northern Grown Seeds" are the best for the South.*



## KOHL RABI.

**BEST VIENNA.** A desirable vegetable—intermediate between the cabbage and turnip. Delicious when cooked. Splendid for slicing in vinegar both raw and cooked. Pkt. 4c.



## LEEK.

**NEW FLAG.** Sow the seed and care for young plants the same as for onions. This splendid variety is more largely grown than any other sort, is hardy and of good quality. Pkt. 4c.

## THE BEST HERBS

Those marked \* are perennial.

- Sage, Pkt. 4c.
- Anise, Pkt. 3c.
- Sweet Basil, Pkt. 4c
- \*Balm, Pkt. 5c.
- \*Caraway, Pkt. 3c.
- Coriander, Pkt. 3c.
- Dill, Pkt. 3c.
- \*Fennel, Sweet, Pkt. 4c.
- Hyssop, Pkt. 4c
- \*Horehound, Pkt. 4c
- \*Lavender, Pkt. 4c
- Marjoram, Sweet, Pkt. 4c.
- Rosemary, Pkt. 4c.
- \*Rue, Pkt. 4c.
- Saffron, Pkt. 4c.
- Savory, Summer, Pkt. 4c.
- Thyme, Pkt. 4c.
- \*Wormwood, Pkt. 4c.



## NEW CHINESE MUSTARD.

The large leaves often measure 14 inches, are ready for use in about six weeks after sowing, and will continue to yield until it is frosty weather. It has a pleasant, pungent flavor, exceptionally hardy, and can be eaten the same as other salads. Pkt. 5c.



## THE BEST WATER MELONS.



We can also supply the following splendid varieties of Water Melons which are universally known and highly esteemed.

Perfected Kolb's Gem, Pkt. 3c.

Maule's Wonderful Sugar Melon, Pkt. 4c.

New Sweet Heart, Pkt. 4c.

New Ice Cream or Peerless, Pkt. 4c.

## The Best Musk Melons.



### NEW ROCKY FORD.

This has become one of the most popular of small or basket melons. The fruit is oval, slightly ribbed, densely covered with coarse netting. Flesh thick, green, very sweet and highly flavored. We offer an exceptionally fine stock of this sort, the fruit being wonderfully uniform in shape and quality. Pkt. 5c.

### PAUL ROSE or PETOSKEY.

In the "Paul Rose" we are offering the best Musk Melon introduced for many years. It has a firmness of rind and "cheesy" structure of flesh peculiarly its own, and is superior in these respects to any melon in existence. It surpasses all melons as a shipper and long keeper. Pkt. 5c.

### NORTHERN GIANT.

Largest of all Musk Melons, often weighing thirty pounds and over; the flesh is rich, melting and sugary. As an exhibition and large market variety it is grand. It will astonish every one by its merits, being exceptionally desirable for family and market purposes. Pkt. 5c.

### SUGAR NUTMEG.

The finest of all Nutmeg Melons. Fruit of medium size, slightly ribbed, globular. Flesh thick, of fine flavor. This variety is in universal demand. Pkt. 5c.

### NEW BANANA.

Remarkable variety, growing from eighteen to thirty inches long. The skin is smooth and of a light yellow; flesh salmon red. Very desirable for family use. Pkt. 4c.

# \$2,500.00 in Cash Prizes for this New Onion.

::: WHICH WILL BE KNOWN AS :::



## "The Great \$2,500.00 Onion"

UNTIL A PERMANENT NAME  
IS SELECTED.



\$1,000.00

For the Largest Onion, True to Type, Weighing over 5 lbs.

\$1,000.00

For the Most Perfect Onion, True to Type, Specimen weighing over 4 lbs.

\$500.00

For the Most Suitable Name.

We have been experimenting with this *New Onion* for years, originally starting with one bulb, until we now have a variety that will be unrivaled in its class. The shape is well shown in our illustration—roundish flat. Outside color rich brownish yellow, flesh white and of mild flavor. *It can't be beat* as a keeper. A great yielder; matures in good season. We have grown specimens many times weighing nearly four pounds, but we want a better record, and will pay \$2,500 in Cash Prizes as stated elsewhere on this page. We believe that you are capable of winning these prizes, and it will pay any person to give them a trial and see what can be done: you would certainly be surprised if you should succeed in growing one of these *Monster Onions* weighing over five pounds. You are sure of a big crop, as well as the privilege of testing this *New Onion* a year in advance of the general public, besides a chance of getting one or more of the prizes.

We will send a packet of the seed, with instructions, for only 25c, or three pkts for 50c.



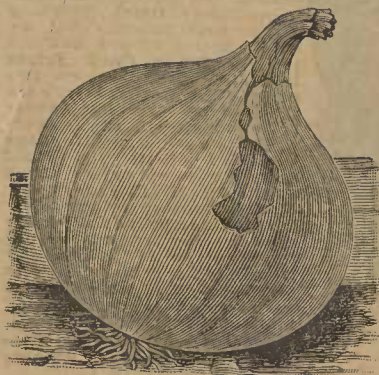
## NORTHERN CROWN ONION SEED.

### DANVERS YELLOW.

A fine productive variety of medium size, skin coppery yellow, flesh white; comparatively mild and well flavored. Pkt. 3c.

### GENUINE PRIZETAKER.

The handsomest, largest and best yellow globe-shaped onion. An excellent keeper, of finest flavor, handsome shape and enormous size, many single onions having been raised to weigh five pounds and over from seed the first year. It is of the same type as those immense onions which can be seen in fruit stores and always command a very high price. The *Prizetaker* grows always to a perfect globe shape, with bright straw-colored skin. The necks are very small and the onions always ripen up hard. Ours is northern grown seed. Pkt. 5c.



Genuine Prizetaker.

### Great Northern RED WETHERSFIELD.



Great Northern Red Wethersfield.

Much has been said about the best stock of this standard variety but we challenge the world to produce a better strain than our Northern Grown stock. The shape is well shown in our illustration. Of large size; skin deep red, while flesh is fine grained and of good flavor. Wonderful yielder and a good keeper. Pkt. 5c.

### PERFECTED WHITE GLOBE.

*True strain.* A large, globe shaped onion; flesh firm, fine grained, of mild flavor, excellent keeper. This is one of the handsomest onions grown; of beautiful form, clear white skin, and commands the highest market price. Pkt. 4c.

### ILLINOIS GOLDEN GLOBE.

Finest shaped, best colored and largest cropper of any yellow onion. To meet the demands of onion growers we have developed this variety. The bulbs are large and uniformly spherical, with very small necks; of a rich orange yellow color; enormous yielders and splendid keepers. No onion grower can afford to plant inferior seed when such as this can be procured. Pkt. 4c.

Did you take advantage of the \$3.00 Present?

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## PARSNIP.



### NEW SUGAR.

The best parsnip on earth! so say thousands of our customers after careful trial. Of desirable size, roots smooth, flesh fine grained and of the best quality. Good yielder. Keeps well. Pkt. 5c.



### PARSLEY.

**New Moss Curled.** A compact growing, finely cut and much curled variety of a bright green color. Owing to its fine flavor and density of foliage it is much sought after. Pkt. 4c.



### PEANUTS.

## PEPPERS.

**LARGE BELL OR BULL NOSE.** An early variety of mild flavor. A favorite for pickling and for use in the natural state. Pkt. 3c.

**LONG RED CAYENNE.** The variety of commerce. Pods are small, cone shaped, scarlet red when ripe. The pods are as frequently used for pickling green as when ripe. Pkt. 3c.

**NEW RUBY KING.** An exceedingly large and handsome pepper of mild flavor; the fruits are of a bright ruby red, from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 6 inches long by 9 to 12 inches in circumference. It can be sliced for salad or eaten with salt and vinegar like tomatoes and cucumbers, also the best for stuffed pickles and mangoes. Pkt. 5c.



### PEANUTS—New Virginia.

A new, very early, desirable and a most valuable variety to grow. It is of upright growth and has the largest pods and kernels of any variety; always yields fewer imperfect pods; the vines make valuable forage for stock. Plant in April and they will ripen before September, even as far north as Canada. It will pay everyone to try them. Plant two inches deep, eight inches apart in the row and keep the ground free from weeds. When ripe pull or dig up and dry. Pkt. 5c.

## PUMPKINS.



### King of the Mammoths.

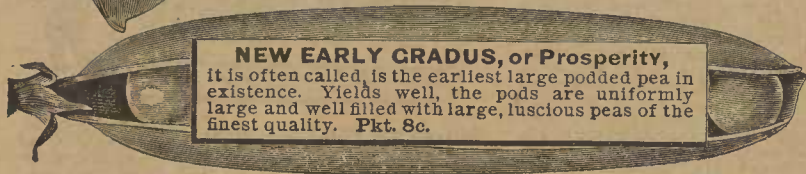
Grand and colossal variety. Think of it, a single pumpkin weighing 469 pounds. Many of you saw this specimen on exhibition at the World's Fair. It is always a prize winner at every fair and exhibition. Notwithstanding its enormous size it is one of the best pie and table varieties grown. A splendid keeper and exceptionally valuable for feeding purposes. We do not save seed from specimens weighing less than 200 pounds. Pkt. 8c.

**SUGAR OR PIE PUMPKIN.** A particularly fine, orange colored sort, remarkably sweet, fine grained and dry. Keeps well and cannot be beat for table use. Always gives the best satisfaction. Pkt. 4c.



### EARLY NORTHER.

*The earliest variety in the world. Hundreds of our customers, after careful trial, have reported that this World Beating Pea has been ready to pick in from 25 to 40 days. It is much harder, more productive and can withstand greater weather change than any other variety. Excellent quality, vigorous grower, vines about 30 inches high, requires no stakes, while its uniformity of ripening makes it preferable of all for first early use. Pkt. 10c.*



**NEW EARLY GRADUS, or Prosperity,**  
it is often called, is the earliest large podded pea in existence. Yields well, the pods are uniformly large and well filled with large, luscious peas of the finest quality. Pkt. 8c.

## RELIABLE PEAS. NOTT'S EXCELSIOR.

The Earliest and Best Dwarf Pea in Cultivation.

Height 18 inches. As hardy as the earliest market sorts, but in quality equal to the Little Gem. It outyields that variety and American Wonder 20 to 30 per cent. The pods are one-third longer, and each pod contains from six to eight large peas which are tender and of unusually fine flavor. Pkt. 8c.

### HEROINE.

*This is without doubt the best of all second early Peas. It combines both quantity and quality of yield. It grows uniformly about 2½ feet high, bearing a profusion of large, long pointed pods, containing from seven to nine large peas of finest quality. The quality is the very best. We recommend it with confidence, knowing well it will give satisfaction. Pkt. 8c.*

### IMPROVED STRATAGEM.

*The best of the large podded late sorts. The old Stratagem Pea has always been one of the best late sorts for quality, but it was a shy yielder, which impaired its usefulness. The Improved Stratagem has all the sterling qualities of the original type and is one of the heaviest yielders. The vines are of medium height, very stocky, the pods are of immense size, well filled with very large, dark green peas. Pkt. 8c.*



### NEW EVERBEARING.

The great continuous ever bearing variety, which gives it especial value for late summer and autumn use: stout vines, growing 18 inches or more high, bearing at the top large quantities of broad pods containing six or eight large peas; quality unsurpassed; if pods are picked as they mature the plant will throw out branches bearing pods which will mature in succession, thus prolonging the season. Pkt. 8c.

# CHOICE RADISHES.



## NEW ROSY GEM.

A favorite turnip-shaped variety of medium size, uniform shape color bright scarlet, sharply contrasting with white tips, which makes it most attractive. Grows quickly. Pkt. 4c.

## IMPROVED BREAKFAST.

Its color is very deep, glossy crimson. The white is well defined and contrasts pleasingly with the deep red of the upper part. One of the best sorts for family use. Pkt. 4c.

## CHARTIERS or SHEPHERD.

The largest and handsomest long sort. Color at top is vivid crimson, shading gradually to pure white at tip. Delicious flavor, resists drought, and remains long fit for use. Pkt. 4c.

## ALL YEAR RADISH MIXTURE.

A superb mixture of all kinds, early, medium, fall and winter varieties. Sow a row of it and it will furnish you delicious radishes throughout the year. Pkt. 5c.

## Rockford Market.

A world beater among radishes. Very early—shape regular, smooth and nearly conical, being intermediate between the half long and extra long sorts. Handsome scarlet color—crisp, tender and juicy. Pkt. 5c.



## EARLY RED BIRD.

The best and quickest scarlet turnip radish. Of extremely quick growth, has matured in less than two weeks. Beautiful shape and of a rich scarlet color. Flesh white and extremely crisp and tender. Can be planted at all times and for all purposes with the best results. Pkt. 6c.

## EARLY SNOW WHITE.

This is not only the earliest white radish, but is a strong rival with Early Red Bird for first honors, good sized radishes have often been grown in less than 15 days. They are of snow white color and always crisp and tender. Very desirable for all purposes. Pkt. 6c.

## NEW LEAFLESS

Grows almost without leaves. Very early, color bright scarlet, flesh white, crisp and tender; a decided acquisition to the garden, both as a table radish and as a curiosity. Seed very scarce. Pkt. 6c.

## TRIUMPH.

The new variegated radish—matures in about 21 days. The ground color is pure white, striped and splashed with bright scarlet. The flesh is crisp and solid and owing to its rapid growth, is very mild in flavor. Pkt. 5c.





# THE BEST SQUASH.

## MAMMOTH PRIZE.

(The Great \$1,000.00 Prize Variety.) Of large size, the flesh and skin are of bright golden yellow. Flesh fine grained and of excellent quality. Splendid keeper, valuable alike for family and stock purposes. Pkt. 8c.

## GREAT NORTHERN HUBBARD.

Our strain of this popular sort is superior to all others. Ranks first as a winter keeper. Flesh thick and of a bright orange-yellow color, fine grained, very dry, sweet and of the very richest flavor. Boils or bakes beautifully and is esteemed by many to be as good baked as a sweet potato. You will be pleased with it. Pkt. 5c.

## New Giant Summer CROOKNECK.

Our experience and that of our customers prove it to be one of the best Summer Squashes. Twice as large as ordinary Crookneck, it is more warty and earlier. This combination makes it the most desirable for the market or private garden. Pkt. 4c.

## PINEAPPLE.

Fine for summer and fall; flesh is thick, creamy white and of the richest flavor; exceedingly productive and gives the best satisfaction for all purposes. Pkt. 4c.

## FORDHOOK.

Strong, popular rapid grower; immensely productive; outside color, bright yellow; inside, lighter shade. Keeps perfectly sound until spring. Flesh dry and sweet, thick and delicious. Pkt. 4c.

**NOTICE.** We grow and offer only those varieties of seed which possess the greatest value for the home garden and the markets! The seeds that we offer are all special stocks, cultivated, selected and improved until they have reached the highest mark of perfection in this northern climate.

# SALSIFY

or Vegetable Oyster.



## NEW MAMMOTH.

One of the most delicious and nutritious of vegetables—a truly American variety of the highest merit—of large size; in every way preferable to the older varieties. Pkt. 6c.



## ALL SEASONS.

A carefully prepared blend that will produce an abundant supply of Spinach at all seasons of the year. No vegetable of the spinach class is more largely used than this—extremely wholesome and palatable and makes a fine dish of "greens," retaining its bright green color even after cooking. Pkt. 5c.

# TOMATOES. \$50.00 for a Name

For this Grand New  
Tomato. No. 11. ....



This Tomato promises to surpass anything ever offered. We own all the seed there is and propose to have our customers give it a trial and name it this season, before we superior to anything ever seen in the Tomato ing this grandest and best Tomato, a year before gesting a name for this new variety with every will be sent out in a coupon envelope, on which and name he suggests for the Tomato, and return person suggesting the winning name will receive printed on it, and while you may win \$50.00 in and are more than pleased, even if you don't send send in some names, for some of them may win.



Pkt. 10c.; 3 Pkts. 25c.; 7 Pkts. 50c.; 16 Pkts. \$1.00.

## FAVORITE.

Solid flesh, always smooth and of blood-red color. This is a general favorite, equally desirable for the home garden, for shipping and for canning. We have an exceptionally choice stock of this sort. Pkt. 3c.

## NEW EARLY TREE.

Great favorite, dwarf, upright habit. Color, rose-red; smooth and symmetrical, fine quality and solid meat. Cannot be beat for home use. Pkt. 5c.

## EARLIEST OF ALL.

*The Earliest Good Tomato in the World.*

Never fails to produce a crop. Enormous yielders, quality cannot be excelled, and the handsome form and rich red color of the fruit makes them very attractive. We do not claim that this is the largest tomato, but we do claim it is the earliest, perfectly smooth, good Tomato. Thousands of our customers from every part of the country write that they will plant no other variety for early use hereafter. Pkt. 6c.

## Fine Mixed Hybrid Tomato Seed.

Something entirely new and distinct. Every known variety has been used — both large and small, yellow, red and white, early and late, smooth, pear-shaped, plum-shaped, currant, peach, fig, cherry, etc. You will be delighted with the variety and quality of fruit produced. Pkt. 5c.

## New Giant EVERBEARING.

Produce an abundance of mammoth fruits; many have been grown weighing over 3 lbs. Quality is excellent, and if you test it you will get very others; bright red color and very solid, with only a few seeds and free from rot. It started early, fruits ripen from early in July until killed by frost. Pkt. 8c.





**New Cardinal.**

# TURNIPS.

## NEW CARDINAL.

This turnip has a striking resemblance to a larger radish, being as round and uniform in shape, and crisp as a radish, and of the most excellent quality. It matures almost as quickly as the earliest radishes, being several weeks ahead of any other turnip, and when cooked is of unsurpassed quality. Pkt. 5c.

## WHITE EGG.

Beautiful white, egg shaped sort, of rapid growth. Flesh firm and solid, fine grained, sweet and of very mild flavor. Fine either for early or late variety. Pkt. 3c.

## RED OR PURPLE TOP STRAP LEAF.

There is probably a larger amount of seed of this variety sown annually than of any other turnip. The peer of all. Matures eight or nine weeks from sowing. Pkt. 3c.

## EARLY IVORY.

A sort of peculiar value, owing to its extreme earliness. It grows almost as quickly as a radish, and to a great extent resembles a fine, white winter radish. It is sweet and of first-class quality. Pkt. 5c.

## MIXED TURNIP SEED.

A splendid collection—all sorts and varieties, long, round, oblong, etc. of turnip seed in this mixture. Gives you an opportunity to test them all at a low price. Pkt. 4c.

## RUTA-BAGA or SWEDISH TURNIPS.

**All Gold**—A grand variety—probably the very finest sort for table use. The flesh is of a beautiful golden yellow, of the choicest quality, and of excellent flavor and remarkable keeping quality. Pkt. 5c.

## MIXED RUTA-BAGA SEED.

There is always a great demand for mixed seeds, and at our customer's urgent request we have prepared a selection of all the best new and superior sorts. Pkt. 4c.

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With its close, velvety turf is a most essential feature in the adornment of all homes, without it the finest flowering plants and bedding seem insignificant, while with it handsome grounds are assured, even with no other adornment.

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## Our Lawn Grass Seed

Is composed of a mixture of Grasses best adapted to produce a permanent and fine turf, so that a rich deep green, velvety lawn is constantly maintained.

## Columbia Mixture.

(The Best.)

Price, per ½ lb. 18c., per lb. 30c., postpaid.

*By Express at buyer's expense.*

Per bushel of 14 lbs., \$2.75; ½ bushel, \$1.50; ¼ bushel, 80c.; ⅛ bushel, 45c.

## Ever Green Mixture.

(Good Quality.)

Price, per ½ lb., 15c.; per lb., 25c., postpaid.

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Per bushel of 14 lbs., \$2.40; ½ bushel, \$1.25; ¼ bushel, 75c.; ⅛ bushel, 40c.

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